

West Cape May Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2017

Call to Order: 6:45 PM

Roll Call: Joe Grottola, Chris Isenhardt, Barbara Lamb, Trish Miller, Hilary Pritchard (chair), Louise Zemaitis

Absent: Tom Bocket, Susan Crossan, Trish Miller, Harriet Wilson

Visitors: Ed Creenan

Minutes: A motion was made by Barbara to accept June's minutes and seconded by Joe.

Treasurer's Report:

As of June, there is a balance of \$16,021.95.

A motion was made by Chris to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Joe.

Planning Board:

Atlantic and 3rd Avenue, Carol McCray, block 40 lot 7, one of three small houses. Needs a variance to build a second story to house.

Hilary suggested that a letter of concern be written to April Grabowski, NJ DEP, about block 2, lot 1.01 (512 Myrtle Avenue) due to proximity to wetlands. The applicant is in the process of acquiring an LOI.

Barbara suggested that we have a template for letters to be written to NJ EPA. Hilary will contact ANJEC for suggestions. EC members need to communicate more with the state.

Old Business

Farmers Market 2017 -

June 27 Farmer's Market had Jim Hanson from Watershed Ambassador program. Other weeks will have: Brittany Dobrzynski - NJ Audubon Steward, Emily Heiser - Conserve Wildlife NJ, Louise Zemaitis - Monarch Monitoring Project (August 29th), WCM Shade Tree Commission would like to do 3 weeks in August.

Open Space lot on 3rd Ave. Update - Brittany Dobrzynski from NJ Audubon started work on Monday, June 12. Work is on schedule and going well.

Coordinated Bicycle Path Initiative/bicycle safety initiative - Nothing to report. Hilary will continue work on brochure about sweeping streets on front of houses, etc.

Yard Sale - Date changed due to rain. 50 families participated. Barbara Hoepp suggested that the date be changed to the 3rd Saturday. Hilary will check follow up with Mayor Kaithern.

Green Team - Tom absent.

ERI - Barbara suggested that EC members should be able to contact Debbie for information about eminent problems before the document is published.

New Business

Stevens Street has a weight limit. There has been a lot of congestion. Beach Plum Farm doesn't seem to be recycling. Should Willow Creek Farm pay for private trash pick up? WCM is paying for their trash and recycling pick up. Who should be responsible?

Barbara suggested that EC should look into preservation of borough owed land in order to protect it.

Chris made a motion to adjourn, Barbara seconded. Adjournment: 7:45 pm

Minutes prepared by Louise Zemaitis

Next meeting will be September 6th, 6:30 pm

No meeting in August