

West Cape May Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 11.2018

Call to Order: 6:32 pm

Roll Call: Hilary Pritchard (chair), Chris Isenhardt, Susan Crossan, Trish Miller, Janet Payne, Bob Hewitt, Joe Grattola, John Francis (commissioner)

Absent: Tom Bocket, Louise Zemaitis

Minutes: A motion was made by Trish and seconded by Bob to accept the minutes from the June 6, 2018 meeting. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Report had been emailed by Tom. July balance is \$19, 580.91. Expenditures include \$275 for Golden Eagle presentation, \$200 graphic services for Golden Eagle presentation, \$100 for Butterfly and Humming bird, \$100 Plastic Ocean movie, \$50 for Florida project. Hilary made a motion and Chris seconded it to approved the treasurer's as provided.

Planning Board: An efficiency on 6th Ave was denied. It did not meet the minimum property requirement for septic. A garage apartment was approved.

Old Business:

Farmer's Market: Selling Geobins and providing info on invasives. Thoughts for environmentally friendly products to sell for next year being considered (wooden utensil kits, stainless steel straws, insulated water bottles etc). Anyone will to help with the booth, contact Chris.

Open Space Lot: Trish talked with Josh. He recommends raised beds and will try to have a plan to us by the end of the summer. Discussed asking Shade Tree Commission to get involved and perhaps purchase some trees for the lot.

Green Team: Still looking for members

ERI Update: We have received copies of the updated ERI. It will be reviewed at the September or October meeting. Bob spoke with Debbie and they have compiled a list of potential areas for us to focus on.

1. WCM's water table
 - * lot coverage - 40%
 - * drive ways - recommend materials
 - * water usage - odd/even watering , time of day, etc..
2. Soil Impact - development pressures
3. Vegetation recommendations
 - * WCM recommended trees, shrubs, etc..
 - * organic weed sprays -(1 gallon of vinegar, 2 cups Epsom salt, 1/4 cup Dawn dish soap). Cheaper than anything you can buy, never use Round-Up again!

4. Key areas to protect against long term damage.
 - * wild life awareness
 - * wet lands

Cape May Connections: They are meeting every other week with the county. Looking at recreation and open space. Projects are delayed as the county will be hiring a new engineer. We discussed possibly having speed limits lowered in WCM on highly biked roads. Cape May City is applying for a grant for Phase II of their bike path project.

Solar Options: Possibly set up a fall date with Tom Massamillo

New Business:

David Carrick, WCM Water Supervisor, will attend the September 5, 2018.

Governor Murphy is asking for municipal support to ban single use plastic bags. Chris made a motion and Trish seconded it to support this endeavor and forward this motion onto the commissioners meeting tonight. Motion passed.

John Francis discussed Green Chip electronic waste recycling program. The borough would be paid for electronic waste collected. Janet will contact Green Chip and get more details.

Spraying for mosquitos: does the borough have any control?

No August meeting as we will not have a quorum. Next meeting September 5, 2018 6:30pm

Adjourn: 7:29pm Chris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Janet.

Minutes prepared by Chris Isenhardt