

West Cape May Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2017

Call to Order: 6:44 PM

Roll Call:, Tom Bocket, Joe Grottola, Chris Isenhardt, Barbara Lamb, Trish Miller, Hilary Pritchard (chair), Louise Zemaitis, Mayor Pam Kaithern

Absent: Susan Crossan, Harriet Wilson

Visitors: Jan Dwyer and Ed Creenan

Minutes: A motion was made by Chris to accept the April minutes and seconded by Barbara. A motion was made by Barbara to accept the May minutes and seconded by Hilary.

Treasurer's Report:

As of June, there is a balance of \$16,447.84. The amount of \$200 was withdrawn, a donation to West Cape Elementary School's garden.

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

Planning Board:

Mayor Kaithern helped EC members understand the status of several properties that are currently being developed in West Cape May. She suggested that an EC member be designated to review emails sent in between meetings.

Barbara Lamb inquired about the fencing on the "farm stand" property on Park Boulevard. She received a letter from the DEP explaining the situation.

The owners of Block 41, lot 18, 411 Pacific Avenue are asking for a variance to subdivide the lot. There are some trees on the property. An issue that EC members decided to keep an eye on.

The owners of Block 52, lot 53.01, 315 Fifth Avenue are requesting that the old hotel be demolished and 2 houses be built in its place.

Old Business

Farmers Market 2017 -

The local nature organizations are still signing up for their weeks. The first market is June 27th. Chris volunteered to coordinate the weeks. Jan Dwyer volunteered to represent the EC at the booth on the weeks that have not been spoken for.

Open Space lot on 3rd Ave. Update - Brittany Dobrzynski from NJ Audubon to start work on Monday, June 12.

Coordinated Bicycle Path Initiative/bicycle safety initiative - It has been suggested that West Cape May work on their own bike path rather than working with Cape May and Cape May Point. Lower could possibly go with us. It is essential that Sunset Boulevard be "cleaned up". Pam suggested that there be a safe bikeway bicycle path task force. Tom volunteered to head up that group. Hilary is a member of Cape May's bicycle path committee.

Green Team - Tom will now work on bicycle task force with the green team.

New Business

Hilary made a presentation to Mayor Pam Kaithern from the National Wildlife Federation for Cape Island's Community Wildlife Habitat program.

Chris made a motion to adjourn, Trish seconded. Adjournment: 8:55 pm

Minutes prepared by Louise Zemaitis

Next meeting will be July 5th, 6:30 pm