

## **West Cape May Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes January 4, 2017**

**Call to Order:** 6:50 PM

**Roll Call:** Tom Bocket, Joe Grottola, Chris Isenhardt, Hilary Pritchard (chair), Harriet Wilson, Louise Zemaitis

**Absent:** Barbara Lamb, Trish Miller

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Chris to accept the December minutes and seconded by Harriet.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance is \$17,727.84. \$336.00 was added from previous balance from which had been encumbered from Media in Motion for signage for Backyard Park. Invoice may still be forthcoming.

Chris made a motion to renew ANJEC membership (\$460 with no increase from 2016), Harriet seconded. May still be taken out again. A motion was made by Ed to accept the report and seconded by Harriet.

Chris made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Louise seconded.

### **Planning Board**

Planning Board Liaison absent.

The borough's ongoing development projects were briefly discussed. Mayor Pam Kaithern, who had visited the meeting, stated that New Jersey's Environmental Plan is changed at the state level every five years.

### **Old Business**

Farmers Market 2017 - More planning in March.

Open Space lot on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Update - Nothing to report

### Green Team

Safe Routes - Falls under Sustainable Jersey Program. Tom has been going to meetings at the school. Program is about kids getting exercise before and after school. Borough of West Cape May supports their efforts.

Green Team needs more members. Tom asked for suggestions for new members. There are currently 9 members, including Greg Basile (WCM

Public Works). Needs a free thinker and writer for grants and proposals. Hilary suggested that we approach Barbara Fisher.

ERI update - Still need update. Money is encumbered.

Coordinated Bicycle Path Initiative/bicycle safety initiative - Hilary will reach out to Mayor of Cape May City, Chuck Lear.

Tom created WCM EC 2016 Annual Report. Hilary suggested that members read and vote in February.

Tom created a mock up of WCM EC annual newsletter. Mayor Kaithern said the the WCM EC can do a mailing before tax bill in August. Maybe by spring.

WCM EC sponsored public events - Louise will reach out to Pat and Clay Sutton about doing their "How to Spot an Owl" lecture on Friday, February 10 at 6:30 PM.

"Finding Dory" will be shown on February 24th for a kid's movie night. Joe will bring in shells, sea creatures, Terrapins for the kids to see before the movie.

Hilary will ask Janet Paine to do both press releases.

The next kid's movie night will be either March 10th or 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Business**

Reorganization - Hilary will stay as Chair and Chris as vice-chair. Tom will continue to work as Treasurer and Louise as Secretary

Chris made a motion to accept reorganization, Tom seconded.

Susan Crossan will be joining the WCM EC in 2017.

Chris made a motion to adjourn, Harriet seconded.

Adjournment: 7:55 PM

Minutes prepared by Louise Zemaitis

Next meeting will be February 1st, 6:30 PM