

West Cape May Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

1/8/2020

Call to Order: 6:30pm

Roll Call: Hilary Pritchard (chair), Janet Payne, Trish Miller, Joe Grottola, Chris Isenart, Mayor Carol Sabo, Commissioner John Francis. Visitor Jillian Simmons
Absent: Tom Bocket, Susan Crossan, Louise Zemaitis, Bob Hewitt.

Minutes: Janet made a motion, seconded by Chris to accept December Minutes

Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$24,693.96. No change to the balance. Trish made a motion, seconded by Janet to accept the treasurer's report.

Planning Board Report: Cichetti parcel on Park Blvd, a letter requesting an L.O.I. was received but there is no application on file. Hilary contacted the engineering firm, they said the application would be available soon. We are unable to respond within the 15 day time frame without seeing the application. Carol will check into it. Next Planning Board meeting 1/21/2020

Old Business

Open Space Lot: Louise to ask Josh about repairs on raised bed.

Green Team: We can get points for a water station. Carol will talk to the Shade Tree Commission about putting on in the park.

Green Chip Electronic Recycling – Janet had potential dates, May 30th was decided upon. They will take old Christmas lights, cables and wires.

Cape May Connections- the new maps are coming along. Hilary asked Carol to review for any West Cape May updates or changes.

Farmer's Market- invasives brochure- Kristen Meistrell from NJAudubon has a new technician starting who will focus on Cape May County invasives. He will attend our February meeting.

Movies and Programs:

January 24- Free Willy with Brendan Schaffer, Chris will get pizzas, cookies & beverages, Janet will do PR

February 7- Project Snowstorm, Trish will arrange for a speaker, Chris will get refreshments, Janet will do PR

March 13- Hoot, Louise will do a program/activity before the movie, Chris will get the pizzas and refreshments.

Eco Awards-Hilary/Carol will ask Rachel at The Star and Wave to do an interview.

2020 Meeting Dates- Hilary made a motion and Trish seconded to cancel the August meeting.

New Business

Plastic Bag Ordinance- a letter will be sent to businesses to inform them of the new ordinance.

Visitor comments- Jillian Simmons is visiting local township, borough and city meetings as well as local Environmental Commissions meetings. She is eager to get involved and champion environmental issues. She has been talking with local restaurants about eliminating straws or changing over to paper straws. Janet made a motion and Hilary seconded it for the EC to purchase 8 cases of paper straws that we will donate to restaurants in the borough that uses straws to encourage them to switch over to paper straws. They will also be given to Farmer's Market vendors for their pursual. Chris will order the straws and Jill will take them to the restaurants.

Adjournment: Trish made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm and Chris seconded the motion

Next meeting February 5,2020

Minutes prepared by Chris Isenhardt