

West Cape May Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2021

Call to Order: 6:30 pm Present: Hilary Pritchard(chair), Tom Bocket, Janet Payne, Allison Morgan, Joe Grottola, Allan Crawford, Chris Isenhardt, Commissioner John Francis, Deputy Mayor Peter Burke. Absent: Louise Zemaitis, Trish Miller

Minutes: Allison made a motion that was seconded by Chris to approve the June 2021 minutes

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$18,406.49 Tom said there is an unexplained extra\$1,100 that he is looking into. Chris made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Janet.

Planning Board: Allison reported that no variances will be need for the proposed changes to 2nd and Atlantic. It will be come 3 50x100 lots. Cannabis retail distribution and cultivation has been favorably voted upon for the borough. Peter shared that the commissioners are looking into options regarding 13 lots running from Bayshore to Morrison that the borough owns to try to permanently protect them. He is interested in the EC thoughts regarding the lots.

Old Business

Pollinator Park: Joe reports that everything is growing well. The rain barrels are supplying adequate water at this time. The benches and picnic tables have arrived.

Green Team: Nothing to report at this time

Cape May Connections: We need to coordinate with the borough for a unified plan. New maps should be in soon.

Farmer's Market: We are selling Geobins, giving out the invasives brochures and information about the spotted lantern fly. There are days when Chris can't be there. Any help is appreciated.

Movies and Programs: Louise was checking with Pat Sutton about a fall garden tour. Chris will look into some other programs we may be able to have in the

BackYard (possibly workshops on composting, making rain barrels, rain gardens, growing mushrooms, ocean friendly gardens etc)

EcoAward: It is suggested that we continue to reach out to local nurseries to urge them not to sell invasives

Press Releases: Nothing to report at this time

Future Events: It is suggested that we have a Fall Yard Sale Oct 16th, the Saturday prior to Bulk Pick Up

Battery Recycling: No progress yet.

New Business:

Discussion continued on adopting a “Tear Down” Ordinance, a walk through required to insure appliances and hazardous materials are disposed of properly. Peter will take this topic to the Commissioners.

Visitors: Rich Kaufield shared his hopes of improving his property by removing/reducing invasives and replacing with native plants. He is open and interested in the EC’s input and support.

Laura Goodavage joined us to learn more about the EC and volunteer especially with gardening projects.

Adjournment: Chris made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 that was seconded by Joe.

Next Meeting: August 4, 2021 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by Chris Isenhardt