

West Cape May Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2021

Roll Call: Hillary Pritchard (chair), Tom Bocket, Louise Zemaitis, Alan Crawford, Allison Morgan, Trish Miller, Janet Payne, Chris Isenhart, Commissioners John Francis and Peter Burke. Absent: Joe Grottola

Minutes: Trish made a motion, seconded by Janet to approve the August minutes with the correction of the Borough Yard date to October.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$18, 631.49, reflecting an increase of \$225 from the sale of Ride-A-Bike tee shirts. Chris made a motion, seconded by Trish to approve the treasurer's report.

Planning Board: Last week's meeting was cancelled. Peter Burke discussed the 13 lots between Morrison and Bayshore that went to auction and were purchased by Rich Caufield. These lots are deed restricted and unbuildable.

Old Business:

Pollinator Park: Picnic tables and benches are in place and look good. Bats are frequenting the area and hopefully will move into the bat house.

Green Team: Nothing to report at this time.

Cape May Connections: New maps should be ready soon. Trish suggests 2 way bike lanes be considered.

Farmer's Market: Markets were well attended. Invasives brochure and info on Spotted Lantern Fly were of great interest. Geobins are still available for \$20

Movies and Programs: Chris spoke with Linda Conover about several different possible Saturday morning programs in the backyard. Chris will see if Linda would attend our next meeting.

Eco-Award: Nothing to report

Press Releases: Nothing to report

Future Events: Yard Sale Oct 16th, bulk pick up Oct. 20th, Green Chip doesn't want to come back as there was not enough E waste brought in from the May event. Maybe we could get them to come once a year or every 18 months.

Battery Recycling: Nothing to report

Ordinance to require inspections prior to demolition: Hilary asked John Francis and Peter Burke to bring this to the Commissioners meeting.

New Business:

Festival to Celebrate the Ocean: A guest, Annette Patton, suggested a potential program for October 22, 2022, featuring environmentally conscious vendors by invitation, food trucks, music, family friendly atmosphere. It was discussed that we might partner with Surfriders and One Piece and have speakers. A subcommittee was formed with Janet and Tom

Adjournment: Chris made a motion, seconded by Trish to adjourn at 7:30

Next meeting: October 6, 2021

Minutes prepared by Chris Isenhardt