

West Cape May Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 2023

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm after which Hilary read the Open Public Meeting Law statement.

Election of Officers: The following slate of officers were nominated by Chris and seconded by Makenzie and approved unanimously: Hilary Pritchard and Chris Isenhardt as co-chairs, Adehl Schwaderer vice chair, Damian Orlando Secretary, Tom Bocket Treasurer, Makenzie Franco Planning Board Liason.

Roll Call: Hilary Pritchard(co-chair), Chris Isenhardt(co-chair), Trish Miller, Damian Orlando, Makenzie Franco, Adehl Schwaderer, Commissioner Alan Crawford.
Absent: Joe Grottola, Tom Bocket.

Minutes: Trish made a motion seconded by Makenzie to accept the December minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$23,090.72, no changes. Chris made a motion, seconded by Trish to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Board: An application to subdivide a historic building in the commercial district was denied. A letter was sent to the DEP on behalf of the EC regarding 205 3rd Ave. noting our concerns for the environmentally sensitive wetland buffer that this property is on and that the buffer not just be planted with native plants, but also maintained.

Commission Report: The commissioners have received draft ordinances from the solicitor regarding pools and pesticides. Solar panels will hopefully be installed by the end of the month. Also, while not in the borough, but worth noting, Toll Gate Farms have proposed a farm stand and winery with a tasting room.

Old Business

Pollinator Park: Matt Notch has completed the tree work. Public works will soon take down the shed.

Green Team: Nothing to report at this time.

Cape May Connections: Nothing to report at this time

Farmer's Market: Nothing to report

Movies & Programs: Movie night set for Jan. 20. Chris will take care of food. Trish contacted David LaPuma to give a talk prior to the movie. Chris will see if Joe is available for both programs to set up the projector. Chris will contact Erin and Theresa to see if borough hall is available 2/10/23 for a mushroom workshop. Linda Conover from Windsong Mushrooms would do the 1 ½ hour program.

Eco-Awards: Nothing to report

Press Releases:

Follow up on 52 tips: EC will use the frog on a bike logo as the official EC logo

Follow up on requests for comments by Borough on Pools and Pesticides: EC will plan a special work session meeting Feb 15 to discuss & plan community outreach and education regarding pesticide use. Chris will contact Erin and Theresa to confirm that date is available and what exactly needs to be done for announcing a special meeting.

New Business:

Borough wide yard sales: Barbara Hoepf will coordinate the spring yard sale (signs, notifications etc), but we will need someone to help with the Fall yard sale

Electronic Waste Recycling: Damian will contact Green Chip and try to set it up for May 20, 2023 the Saturday after Bulk pick up. Chris will confirm the date availability with the borough. Maybe we can have paper shredding the same day?

Public Comment: None

Adjourn:8:13pm

Next meeting February 1, 2023

Minutes prepared by Chris Isenhardt