

West Cape May Environmental Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2020

**Call to Order:** 6:33pm

**Roll Call:** Hilary Pritchard (chair) Trish Miller, Janet Payne, Joe Grottola, Chris Isenhardt, Susan Crossan, Bob Hewitt

**Absent:** Tom Bocket, Louise Zemaitis

**Guests:** Jill Simmons

**Minutes:** Joe made a motion to approve the minutes. Chris seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom sent his report to the committee. The current balance is 24,525.13. Chris made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Bob seconded.

**Planning Board:**

Two applications were presented to the Board. Both applications did not require any variances and so both were accepted by the Board.

**Old Business:**

**Open Space Lot on 3rd**

Joe mentioned that now that Borough workers will be maintaining the space a revamping of the space and new plan has been started to make it easier for the workers to maintain the site. A new plan has been initiated. Greg Basil received an offer from a local contractor to supply clean fill and \$2000 to spread the fill. This was considered reasonable. Greg then priced an additional 4 inches of topsoil and the spreading of it for \$3200. Trish's husband offered to donate plants from his current business site. Benches from the Wilbraham Park may be donated. Discussion on how to move forward with the new plan was discussed and ideas will be brought back to the next meeting. Hilary made a motion to approve an additional \$1000 for any unforeseen costs and Janet Payne seconded that motion.

**Green Team:** Water station has been approved. The Shade Tree Commission will split the cost of an Elkay-Tri Level Outdoor Pedestal with us. It was decided that Public Works should decide the location. Hilary made a motion to approve \$3500.00 for our part of the said Water Station. Chris seconded the motion.

**Green Chip:** A Save the Date was put out by Janet Payne.

**Farmers Market- Invasives Brochure-** Janet presented a prototype for this brochure. Suggestions were made on how to move forward including the invasives that should be highlighted in the brochure.

**Paper Straws-** There was discussion on the purchasing and distribution of paper straws. Chris and Jill are working on that implementation.

**Movie Program-** The Snowy Owl event was a great success. Potential programs including a presentation on tick borne diseases by Kathy Horn were considered. Several dates were reviewed to present to Kathy for her consideration.

**Eco Awards-**Susan reached out to Rachel and is awaiting a response.

**New Business-**

1. Discussion on applying for another ANJEC grant was presented. It was noted since we haven't finished the first grant we received beginning another may not be appropriate.

2. An idea presented by community member, Penelope Cake, was reviewed but at this time implementing such a program was not feasible.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris. Bob seconded the motion. Adjournment - 7:52pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 1,2020.

As an addendum to these minutes- due to the Coronavirus outbreak- all WCEC activities have been postponed until further notice. Be safe and well my friends.

Submitted by : Susan Crossan