

West Cape May Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
Meeting conducted online via Zoom
June 3, 2020

Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Roll Call: Hilary Pritchard (chair), Tom Bocket, Joe Grottola, Trish Miller, Janet Payne, Louise Zemaitis

Absent: Susan Crossan, Bob Hewitt, Chris Isenhardt

Minutes: Hilary made a motion to accept May's Minutes and Janet seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

The current balance is \$18,752.17. This amount reflects a \$633.37 expenditure for compostable straws and \$200 to Janet for two movie night posters. Hilary made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Janet seconded.

Planning Board:

Liaison not present.

Old Business:

Third Avenue Open Space - Joe has purchased two 60 gallon rain barrels. He and his wife, Lisa have built stands against their house for them. Hilary asked if there was any chance for water hook up? Joe is concerned about local wells going dry.

Joe reported that the WCM MUA has removed a fallen tree on the lot. He has been moving sprouting milkweed and fennel to the back corner to an area that won't be mowed.

Hilary thanked Trish for the native plants donated from her husband's company. Most of them have been placed in the ground in various locations to be moved to the Open Space Lot when the time is right.

Green Team: Wilbraham Park water station. Janet has been researching hands free water stations. There are currently only indoor options. It was agreed to table the purchase for now.

greenchip Electronic Waste Solutions - May 30th. Janet reported that a total of 10 palettes were collected, similar to this past fall's collection. Chris brought a large amount of electronic recyclables from Lower Township Schools.

It was agreed that this should become an annual, rather than semi-annual event. There was a discussion about future advertising possibilities.

Cape May Connections - The "Slow Streets" initiative was not endorsed by local public officials. Steps need to be taken to reduce speed limits on county roads.

Farmer's Market - The WCM Farmer's Market will start on June 23rd, as scheduled.

Hilary suggested that Louise should do an invasive plant display for the WCM EC booth. Louise will contact Josh Nemeth about getting samples of native plants as well.

Invasive Plants Brochure - Janet sent the final proof to everyone before the meeting. Josh Nemeth, Michael O'Brien, and Trish made some good suggestions. Trish suggested that a final edit should be sent to Brittany Dobrzynski, NJ Audubon Stewardship Specialist.

Janet is in the process of getting quotes for printing. A motion was made by Hilary to spend up to \$1000, seconded by Trish.

Paper Straws - The straws are ready.

New Business:

Programs for 2020 - It was agreed that we will have to wait and see what social distancing measures will need to be met for future programs. Members felt that there should still be talks about tick borne illnesses and mosquito control.

Adjournment - 7:15 PM. Janet made a motion to adjourn and Trish seconded.

Minutes prepared by Louise Zemaitis

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1st at 6:30 PM