

MINUTES
POINT PLEASANT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
March 17, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Sheryl Burke called the regular meeting to order and led us in the salute to the flag at 7:05 P.M.

2. This regular meeting of the Env. Comm. was called to order by the Chairman, and is held under the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act; please be advised that adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the public by posting of this notice in the Borough Hall and communicated to two newspapers.

3. ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Digney, Mr. Romanowski, Mr. Constantino, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Milewski, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Clericuzio, Mr. Kosinski. Also Present: Liaison Ms. Rogers and Councilman Kaklamanis Absent: Mr. Robertson

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes March 17, 2008 - Motion to approve by Mr. Digney, seconded by Mr. Constantino. All in favor.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

Mrs. Burke introduced our new member Mike Romanowski.

#4 Award letter from Barnegat Bay Estuary Program \$3,000 mini grant. Thanks to Ms. Rogers. Mrs. Rogers stated we are presenting our program at Ocean Rd. and will be doing Nellie Bennett the first week of April. Ms. Rogers explained what will be required of the grant. We will have a pamphlet for each child to take home in their tote bag with our logo for Earth Day "Be Green to keep it Clean" The \$3,000 is being matched \$1,500 from outside donations which supports the printing, the bags and she proposed that Brownfield write the educational program and the training component module. That would cover the \$3,000 grant and the \$1,500 would be for the printing etc. The Env. Commission members will be doing the teaching with an interactive component module. Mr. Romanowski stated he has all kinds of hands out from the Mosquito control regarding cleaning up their yards to avoid problems with mosquitoes. They welcomed all material to put into the packets.

Mr. Kosinski moved that we move forward with the pamphlet with proposed changes, seconded by Mr. Kern. All in favor on roll call

Mr. Kern moved that we have Brownfield do the layout for the educational program for \$3,000, seconded by Mr. Constantino. All in favor on roll call vote. (using the Grant funds0

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Mr. Kern reported we have \$419.29 in our temporary budget and

\$3,794.09 in our Earth Day budget. Mrs. Burke reported so far we have 39 exhibitors for Earth Day. Discussion arose regarding various contacts. We have two bands coming. Mrs. Burke spoke of the Nuton Lawn Mower run on battery. They are going to bring one for display and donate it to us. Jude Walker had informed her that they can bring their old mowers to the recycling center as is for disposal. We will have \$100. Certificates to give out toward buying the Nuton. We also have another company selling edgers and trimmers.

Mr. Kern reported that the Pt. Pleasant Dive and Rescue Team have volunteered to send their underwater team to our cleanups on the water. They will use it as a drill and help cleanup.

Mr. Constantino stated that Karen Walzer from the Ambassador Watershed program who shared in our clean up would like us to send a letter stating that we co-sponsored the program with them. There is a format that she will send to us to go to her supervisor.

2. Planning Board – Mr. Kosinski – stated nothing new.

3. Beautification – Mr. Robertson – absent. Mr. Clericuzio stated he left him a message that he wants to beautify the bases of the Welcome to Pt. Pleasant signs and he would like the Garden Club's help. He also asked which ones should be done. Mrs. Burke stated she will be in touch with him. Mr. Clericuzio stated we should pick out 4 out of the 9.

4...Education – Mr. Kern – we are doing the training at the two schools. He will send a letter to the clubs at school to see if anyone will volunteer for Earth Day and see what we get. We have quite a few volunteers. Several groups of kids.

5. Garden Club – Mr. Digney – They went to the Philadelphia Flower Show and it was a success. At their last meeting they had a woman speak to them about Irises. They will be doing their spring planting a week from Saturday. They have selected their first garden of the month; he displayed the sign that will be put on the front lawn of the winner. The winner is Mel Ressen, Philadelphia Ave. April Garden of the month. Sign was donated by a resident.

6. Green Team/Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Constantino no report

7. Public Relations – Mrs. Burke stated Melissa did a great job with the article in the paper except she misunderstood when I said businesses are welcome, but they have a fee. Only non-profit are free.

8. Earth Day – Entire Commission and Liaison – Mr. Constantino stated he contacted everyone he could think of. He has been getting good response. Discussion arose about the up and coming day

9. Award and Commendations – Mr. Kosinski – will have the guidelines to the commission soon.

10. Open Space Committee – Ms. Rogers reported we had a wonderful presentation regarding the canal walk project. It is very expensive; there are parts that are viable so we would have to make recommendations to the council. They are looking to finalize all their interviews so if you have not responded please email Beth so she can finalize this Natural Resource Inventory.

Mr. Clericuzio asked if we will ever see a report and is it feasible. Ms. Rogers stated there are grants available, etc. but it would be long range plan.

11. Eagle Scout Liaison – Mike Kern- Tom Symanski picked a date to do the platform and Dan Coviello has plans for the triangle and our third Eagle Scout, who was working on the cemetery, Troy Loveland, he will need to follow-up with Troy as it has to be done by the end of March, but he may have an extension for his Eagle Scout. I will find that out. Ms. Rogers said there has been some talk that where he is putting the platform may not be Borough property so that will have to be looked into Tom is hoping to have the platform up by April. .

Mr. Clericuzio stated they have already moved the signs for the platform and cut down the fragmentizes

Mike had to leave and everyone sang Happy Birthday.

Mrs. Burke asked the two new members to look over the committees and see what they would be interested in working on.

12. Climate Action –Mr. Constantino. – We were working on the pamphlet to send out to businesses whether they are interested in reducing energy usage, cutting back their carbon footprint by filling out a simple survey so they get an idea where they are at in their mindset

As far as global warming and energy waste, etc. When we developed the committee there were guidelines that were set by the Mayor and we have a beginning idea of where we are at as far as what we have, what we need to do. Hyper-vehicles in fleets, lights we are using, waste management things, etc. We are preparing a report for the Mayor

On March 10th I went to a meeting in Brick on Alternative Energy that was very interesting they will be meeting once a month all are invited.

Brick has a very active committee looking into a lot of alternatives and it would be good for some of us to attend.

7. OLD BUSINESS

1. Be Green to Keep it Clean – Being worked on
2. Bay Point Harbor Condos –Mr. Kaklamanis stated the meeting had been cancelled and will be rescheduled. He has received a lot of input from fishing clubs, etc. The list of proposals that was presented last year has not changed so this is all up for discussion.
3. /Forms for suggested greening and shade tree ord. are being worked on.
4. Shade Tree Ord. is in the hands of the Planning Board also for their recommendations.
5. Mosquito Presentation May 19th meeting
6. Pt. Pleasant Monopoly Game. Mrs. Milewski is working on details. Cost \$11,000 Charge \$30 a game. You put in your own blocks and advertisements.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Jacobson spoke about some of the seminars going on in the County. Also the Cookie Lady is speaking with the businesses in town to get them to go green.

Chris Constantino and James Digney will attend the Municipal Energy Audits & Emissions Inventories on April 28th. Mr. Kosinski moved the commission pay the \$20.00 fee, seconded by Mr. Clericuzio. All in favor on roll call vote with Mr. Digney and Mr. Constantino abstaining.

9. APPLICATIONS:

10. VOUCHERS:

Mr. Kosinski moved the voucher for \$112.50 to Commerce Bank for bonds for Poster contest be approved, seconded by Mr. Clericuzio. All in favor on roll call vote. (Earth Day Trust)

Mr. Kosinski moved that \$800.00 be appropriated for Earth Day Charges, Banners, flyers, pamphlets, etc., seconded by Mr. Constantino. All in favor on roll call vote. (out of Earth Day Trust)

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned with motion by Mr. Kosinski, seconded by Mr. Constantino. All in favor. Meeting adjourned, 9:05 P.M

Respectfully submitted:

Judith A. Block, Secretary