

MINUTES
POINT PLEASANT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
May 19, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Sheryl Burke called the regular meeting to order and led us in the salute to the flag at 7:10 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, Mrs. Milewski, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Romanowski, Mr. Kern. Absent: Mr. Kosinski, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Clericuzio, Mr. Constantino.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Romanowski made a presentation on mosquito control that was very informative.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes April 21, 2008 - Motion to approve by Mr. Digney, seconded by Mr. Kern with a correction to the date of the Garage Sale... All in favor.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Mr. Kern stated we are still working on a temporary budget and we have a balance of \$264.65. Mrs. Burke read the final report of Earth Day showing a balance in the account to start next year's Earth Day \$2,117.00. Mr. Romanowski moved that the \$1,000 scholarship from the Earth Day Funds be awarded to Lacey Kern, seconded by Mr. Digney. All in favor on roll call vote.

2. Planning Board – Mr. Kosinski – absent

3. Beautification – Mrs. Burke reported in Mr. Robertson's absence. She thanked Mr. Robertson for the work he is doing to beautify the areas at the base of the Welcome to Point Pleasant Signs. One on Route #88, one at the foot of the bridge on Bridge Ave. and one on Route 88 Bridge. He has put stones around them and planted plants. The commission thanks goes out to Mr. Robertson. Mrs. Milewski will take some pictures to be sent to the newspaper with a press release.

5. Garden Club – Mr. Digney – Reported the Garden Club will be presenting a scholarship also at the June 5th ceremony. The flower boxes are being readied for Memorial Day. They will also be participating in the Summer Fest Street Fair. Mrs.

Burke stated they will make some kind of arrangements to have the Nutron raffled off at the Garden Club table.

Sheryl and Jack Burke are the winners of the Garden of the month and the next month will be Joan and Fred Bryant on River Road.

6. Green Team/Chamber of Commerce –Mr. Constantino absent

7. Public Relations – We have been getting good press.

8. Earth Day – Entire Commission and Liaison –Mrs. Burke reported again on the success of the affair and we will plan on a bigger and better one next year. Mrs. Burke suggested that the theme for next year be recycling, to press upon the residents the importance of recycling. Discussion arose about hazardous waste and how to dispose of it. Noel Schultz from the audience gave some pointers.

Also Josh Nelson, teacher in charge of the Env. Club at the High School spoke about the lack of recycling in the high school. Mrs. Block stated we do pay a contractor to pick up at the high school and she would be in touch with Mr. Jude Walker regarding same.

The Commission was in favor of a letter being sent to the state opposing the deposit being put on bottles and cans having people return them for money.

9. Award and Commendations – Mr. Kosinski – absent

10. Open Space Committee – Ms. Rogers absent

11. Eagle Scout Liaison – Mike Kern- moved that Tom Szymanski our Eagle Scout be made an Associate member of the Commission. He will be going to the state college so he would like to be involved in the commission. Seconded by Mrs/ Milewski. All in favor.

Mr. Kern requested that we spend some of the Verizon grant money for signage to be put by the ramp viewing the osprey nest. Mr. Szymanski will be working on the sign.

He reported the triangle work will begin soon. Mrs. Block stated her grandson is now looking for his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Kern will await his call.

He further reported that the Fire Rescue Team from Fire Company #1 has volunteered to do any diving necessary when there are cleanups going on along the water.

12. Climate Action – Mrs. Burke reported that there are surveys being sent out to all the business people regarding greening their businesses. They are also working on getting an energy audit done. There are places you can have it done for free or they will train some townspeople to do it.

Discussion arose regarding the use of solar panels. Mr. Digney met with the Mayor Mr. Dikun and Ms. Rogers along with Lois Jacobson they will be looking into various programs.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1..Bay Point Harbor Condos –Council is still awaiting a meeting with the Trustees of the Condo Organization.
2. /Forms for suggested greening and shade tree ord. are being worked on.
- 3.Shade Tree Ord. is in the hands of the Planning Board also for their recommendations. The Commission will pursue speeding up their review so this ordinance can be introduced.
4. Pt. Pleasant Monopoly Game. Mrs. Milewski presented everyone will information and some designs for their review.

8.NEW BUSINESS:

9. APPLICATIONS:

10. VOUCHERS:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned with motion by Mr.Kern seconded by Mr.Digney
. All in favor. Meeting adjourned, 9:05 P.M

Respectfully submitted:

Judith A. Block, Secretary