

MINUTES
POINT PLEASANT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
July 21, 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.

Mrs. Burke requested a moment of silence for Dick Blake, who passed away this morning.

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. Clericuzio, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Digney, and Mr. Robertson, Mr. Kosinski, Mrs. Milewski, Mr. Constantino, Mr. Romanowski. Absent: Mr. Kern

Mr. Constantino introduced Mary Trainer who spoke on importance of using Green products to clean your house and also for beauty products. She spoke on the toxins that are contained in the products that most people use in their homes and how green products can reduce allergies, etc.

Mrs. Burke introduced Brian Parks and Tom Symanski. Brian has put together our Web Site and the commission thanked and congratulated him on a job well done.

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes June 16, 2008 - Motion to approve with no correction by Mr. Kosinski, seconded by Mr. Constantino. All in favor.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

#8 Shade Tree Ord. Mr. Constantino stated he will scan the final draft into the computer tomorrow so that everyone will have a copy. Mr. Kaklamanis has put this on for the first reading at the next council meeting Aug. 19th.

#3 we sent a letter to Mr. Corso regarding recycling at the high school. We have not heard back. We are paying to remove recycling but they are not recycling. Cathi Finnen, Mgr. Pt. Pleasant Branch Library spoke about recycling. The town kindly does pick it up from them. She encourages all to recycle.

#6 Mrs. Burke reminded everyone we have reserved the date of April 18th (rain date April 19th) 2009 for Earth Day. She requested that Mr. Parks put a copy of the application onto the Web page as soon as it is ready to go.

Mrs. Block will send a letter to the Zoning & Code Enforcing Officer regarding the

deplorable condition of the closed Exxon Station on the corner of Route #88 and Bridge Ave.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Mr. Kern – Absent. Mrs. Block reported that the budget has been finalized and we received \$1,200 for Operating Expenses. Mr. Kosinski moved that we give the Garden Club \$250.00 toward their efforts in beautifying the Borough, seconded by Mr. Clericuzio. All in favor on roll call vote.

Mrs. Burke thanked Mr. Robertson for the beautiful job he did with the plantings around our Welcome to Pt, Pleasant signs. It made them stand out more and more beautiful. A round of applause for Mr. Robertson for a job well done. Bay Head Landscaping.

2. Planning Board – Mr. Kosinski – Leah from Brownfield attended the last two Planning Bd. Meetings. There were some minor comments on the Open Space Plan and it was then sent to the Council for the inclusion of this plan into the master plan.

The Shade Tree Ord. Those interested on the board gave Mr. Kaklamanis their comments and he is taking them back to the writer of the Ord. and then the Planning Bd will give their final review when those changes are incorporated. The first reading will probably take place at the next council meeting. Mr. Constantino stated he will scan a copy of the Ordinance of the one he received with a cover letter from Mr. Dasti stated he incorporated the changes we requested and also has the e mail he sent in March with his suggested changes and a copy of that ord. all incorporated. There is a problem with the fee schedule and the use of the engineer in review.

The Planning Bd. Gave an administrative approval for Wal Greens to go forward with construction even though they don't have a final DOT and DEP approval. He did bring to Wal Green the concern about the silt fence and they promised to take care of that. But that has not taken place yet.

The Planning Bd is in the middle of an application to sub-divide a large lot on Rue Mirador and Riviera Pkwy. So far, with Planning Bd. Comments it has been reduced from 4 lots to 3. All lots are conforming. They have been asked for storm water runoff and water quality. Mr. Constantino stated that at the meeting Mr. Burdick stated they had filed the CAFRA application but we have not been notified. I told Mr. Burdick if I didn't see it in the Clerk's office I would be calling him. With a sub-division like that I think we should have a copy.

Mr. Clericuzio asked about the two abandoned gas stations. Exxon is not abandoned it is closed as is the Getty. He asked about remediation. That will only happen, if necessary, when property is sold. Mrs. Block was requested to send a letter to the Zoning Officer regarding the condition of the Exxon property and lack of maintenance.

3. Beautification – Mrs. Milewski – the cemetery on River Rd. Greg Zyry has been cleaning up there and he could use some help. Since the scouts are here they may like to help. Tom Szymanski said the troop could possibly take on the project.

Mr. Burke reported that someone ran over our sign on Beaver Dam Rd. Mr. Burke went and looked at it, it was lying next to one of the Marina's buildings and it had been sawed down not hit, but it was a mess. Forsberg's put it back up in the wrong location and it is a mess. I think we will have to report it to the Police. The sign was on Borough property. He removed it once to move his boat, which is on the road, and he put it back but then it was missing for a while and when I called him he said someone ran it over. I think we should have it fixed and put in a new location. Maybe by the Marina across the street.

4. Education – Mr. Romanowski stated he will be giving a presentation at the Library on Aug. 11th at 7:00 at the Pt. Pleasant Branch on mosquitoes.
5. Garden Club – Mr. Digney –Nothing to report they will not be meeting again until Sept. We need some rain for the plants.
6. Green Team– Mr. Constantino stated they are going to be working with the Boy Scouts cleaning up the cemetery. Tom Szymanski spoke about his efforts, while in high school to get the Journalism class to recycle. Every day they would get about 75 Asbury Park Press and New York Times delivered and every day there would about 55 left over and they were just thrown in the garbage and they have a cardboard and paper dumpster right outside. I reminded them of recycling and was told they would have someone look into it but it was never done. Mrs. Burke stated that Mr. Nelson was at a meeting and talked about pushing the recycling.

Mr. Constantino made a motion to write a letter to the new Superintendent of Schools welcoming him and discussing this recycling matter. Mr. Szymanski and Mrs. Burke will work on the letter.

7. Public Relations – Mrs. Burke, we have had several things in the paper. Mr. Constantino stated there several things removed as he found out you can't advertise for free in the Asbury Park Press web site.

Mrs. Finnen, Manager of the Local Branch of the Library wanted to offer the services of the Library for any advertising of events or projects the Commission may have. She offered to display posters for Earth Day and availability of a room to use possibly for selecting the winners of the posters. Her mission is to educate and do whatever they can do to further the recycling effort by making people more aware. They are offering their help in whatever way they can. She used to be in the Beach branch and worked with the Beautification and Environmental Commission there.

Mrs. Burke reported that Brian Parks had put up the web site and he did a beautiful

job, putting it in different categories with pictures and he did it very quickly. He put the minutes, the agendas, and the inventory. Mr. Constantino suggested we speak to Mr. Onto regarding putting the link on the front page instead of going to the gov. and looking through the list of agencies. Everyone thanked Mr. Parks with a round of applause.

8. Earth Day – Mrs. Burke – The date is the 18th. The rain date the 19th 12 to 4. Mr. Constantino is working on a save the date note. Mrs. Burke stated she will send the application and sponsor application to Brian to put on the Web site.

9. Awards and Commendations – Mr. Clericuzio suggested we recognize Fred Bryant. This will be done in Sept.

10. Open Space Committee – No report

11. Eagle Scout Liaison – Tom Szymanski updated the problem with vegetation on his platform project. A Couple of weeks ago he and a few guys went and cut down the weeds. The scout troop has committed to follow up with this at least three times throughout the year. March, June and Sept. They cut about a two foot perimeter. While they were there they cleaned up the marsh once again. That is a constant battle. He did notice a big difference from the first time he went there. Dan Colbert reported on the progress of his project on the corner of Mossbank and Treeneedle. He spoke about the benches, picnic table, mulch, etc. The project should be done soon. Mr. Clericuzio advised Dan there is a sprinkler system there but it is manual, Mr. Sears has the key. Mr. Robertson offered his help in giving him a timer with a sensor that can be installed. He will stop by Bay Head Landscaping for his help.

12. Climate Action – Mr. Constantino gave an update of the upcoming meeting to be held Tuesday. There are several Clergy members who are forming a Green Faith Campaign. They will be at this meeting. One of the churches in Pt. Pleasant Beach is interested in installing solar panels, etc. The Chamber of Commerce has sent out their survey to businesses and has received some response. Someone who works with Lakehurst and helped some towns with their master plans, they are interested in working with our commission too.

7. Old Business:

1. Be Green to Keep it Clean – Mrs. Burke stated this is an ongoing project and we have made great strides with our cleanups, etc.

2. Bay Point Harbor Condo Changes – Mr. Constantino stated this is not making much progress. He spoke with Brian Mc Alindin, he still wants to meet with the Trustees, but he was not aware that they had been issued a permit. They are still working on getting a meeting together. Mr. Mc Alindin stated he did not want to let this die. There have not been any complaints there recently. The public is allowed to walk on the bulkhead and five feet in from the bulkhead that is public access.

3. Prepare form for suggested greening for new construction applications.
4. Shade Tree Ordinance. To be presented for first reading at the Aug council meeting. Mr. Constantino will e mail everyone a copy.
5. Pt. Pleasant Monolopy on hold

8. NEW BUSINESS:

None

9. APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Kosinski requested that a letter be written to Mr. Maffei, as he is the contact person for CAFRA permits, to request that he notify the DEP about the 6 foot easement running along this property and to sure that this area is kept free of debris and vehicles during the construction period. **Block 306 Lot 112**

10. VOUCHERS:

None

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned with motion by Mr. Kosinski seconded by Mr. Constantino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith A. Block, Secretary