

MINUTES
POINT PLEASANT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
October 20, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Chris Constantino called the regular meeting to order and led us in the salute to the flag at 7:00 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: Mrs. Milewski, Mr. Digney; Mr. Kern; Mr. Romanowski, Mr. Kosinski, Mr. Clericuzio, and Mr. Constantino. Absent: Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Burke

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes Sept 15, 2008 - Motion to approve by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Romanowski with correction of Mr. Hossay's name and Mr. Kosinski's name being present and absent. All in favor.

Dan Covello, made a presentation regarding the completion of his Eagle Scout Project and thanked all the members of the commission for their support. He completed his project on Mossbank Rd. and Treeneedle Rd.

Mr. Kern introduced Dan Pace, who made a proposal for his Eagle Scout Project at the Riverfront Park Pier. He wants to put some fish pole holders on the pier, some plants along the walkway to the pier and signs on either side of the pier showing the species of fish and birds. He also proposed putting boards on pier for filleting fish and a ruler to measure the fish.

Discussion arose regarding the signs and whether there would be room. Also Mr. Clericuzio suggested the number of holders be reduced on the pier. Mr. Clericuzio also suggested he not put the fillet boards there as the fishermen would be throwing the fish parts in the river and that would not be good. Mr. Clericuzio also suggested some areas Dan Pace could visit to get some ideas of signage. Mr. Kosinski questioned if there were going to be any beach work done that would interfere with the signs. It was suggested that the signs might be prepared and if the area is not complete they can be held until later to be installed.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the pole holders be reduced, the fish boards be eliminated and that the signs would be reviewed by the commission as to size, aesthetics, etc. Mr. Pace will present his project to the council for approval.

Mr. Pace is pressed for time as he will be 18 the middle of Nov. so he only has a few weeks to get this accomplished. Mr. Kern will try to get him on the Council Meeting the next night.

Mr. Kern introduced Jake Morton who is looking for suggestions for an Eagle Scout Project. Jake was out of scouts for two years when he moved up north. He is now down here again and has until 11/25 to complete a project. After several suggestions it was decided that he would work on the end of Northstream Parkway. He could clean up the area, possibly put a bench or picnic table and native shrubs, etc. Jake will take a look at the area and come up with a presentation to present to the council next evening.

The commission supported Mr. Morton's Northstream Parkway project which he will present to the council Tuesday evening.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

1, E Mail from T. Symanski regarding recycling in the school. Mr. Romanowski stated they have had two meetings so far and they are trying to come up with ideas of what they are going to do but recycling will be their big topic (Env. Club in high school)

Mr. Kern stated he spoke with Mr. Nelson at the school and he stated the problem is that if the kids mix up the garbage with the recycling the custodian now throws it all in the garbage. But if the kids use the cans properly they are going into the proper bins for recycling. Education needs to start from the kids up and that is what the Env. Club is doing.

Mr. Romanowski also stated the club will be helping with the cleanup of the cemetery.

2. Letter from Mary Trainor re. Shaklee and brochure if you are interested in any of the projects.

3. Letter from Mr. Keating regarding Styrofoam being used in the construction of the neighbor's house (stucco) and Styrofoam flying all over and covering the water. Mr. Constantino stated right now it is not illegal to use. It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Keating thanking him for his concerns.

Mr. Constantino thought there should be something that would force these property owners to put silt fencing around these projects and keep these things from going into our roads and into our sewer systems and other people's property. The Wal Gren property finally put one up after we voiced concerns and it probably helping somewhat.

Mr. Constantino asked that a letter be sent to Kevin Burke regarding the silt fencing they are using at the park. They tied it in out in the water and it has been torn up and getting twisted with a lot of debris. Mrs. Milewski stated that has been down for a month since the storm. It was at the waters edger and has eroded out that far. The animals are going to get stuck in it. That is the concern. It shouldn't have been down that far.

4. Zoning Board minutes – Mr. Clericuzio read them but there was nothing exciting happening.

5. Trail Grant application given to Ms. Rogers for her review.

6. Green Building Seminar. Mr. Constantino stated it would be a good seminar for anyone who could attend. Mrs. Milewski stated there is a seminar on the 24th of Oct. on Hazardous waste which you have to pre register for also. It is in Pt. Pleasant Beach.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Mr. Kern We have \$706 left and \$2,562 in our Earth Day Trust. We have several requisitions to be approved this evening for costs for next year’s Earth Day. Brochures \$400.00 posters \$171.00 and the cost of business cards for members \$100.00. Mr. Kern moved we approve these vouchers, seconded by Mrs. Milewski. All in favor on roll call vote with Mr. Clericuzio abstaining.

2. Planning Board – Mr. Kosinski – will be emailing the Planning Bd. Report so check your inbox

3. Beautification – Mr. Robertson Absent – Mrs. Milewski stated she has been trying to get something into the star but Melissa Peace never returns her calls. Mr. Digney stated he noticed John planted mums by the sign in front of Blockbusters and it looks very nice. Mr. Constantino stated that Mr. Robertson contacted him with his report. Planted mums in the triangle in front of Dunkin Donuts on #88 and mowed and cleaned around the Route 88 entrance sign by Sundees and also he started the one on Herbertsville Rd. He is also still looking into what can be done with the sign on Beaver Dam Rd by Forseberg’s. The sign is back up moved further north down the road past the property and there is a big telephone pole in front of it.

4. Education – Mr. Kern stated they reported earlier about the Env. Club meeting and working with the teachers and students educating them on recycling. Mr. Romanowski is going to check with his daughter who is part of the group to see if there are any additional things they would need from us. Mr. Clericuzio gave Mr. Romanowski a brochure regarding a company giving funds for recycling yogurt cups to be passed on to the schools. They want them to come from the kids not adults He also stated there is company now that will accept sneakers for recycling, there is a web site .

5. Garden Club – Mr. Digney thinks they will march in the parade. The new President will be marching. Mel Ruessen. Rich Moore was at their last meeting to speak to them about low maintenance. The new President would like one of our Councilmembers to attend one of their meetings so they can find out what the council would expect from the garden club. Mr. Digney will have a letter sent to the Council

Mr. Clericuzio has put together a list of speakers for the year. The meetings are open to the public and we would like to advertise the speakers. Mr. Constantino stated he could put it on the web site. E mail it to Brian.

www.env.ptboro.com is our web site. On the bottom of the page you can click on his e mail and get to him. Mr. Romanowski volunteered to speak at the Garden Club with his mosquito presentation.

Mr. Kern asked if the garden club will do anything along Bridge Ave for Christmas. Mr. Digney stated they did last year and will probably put in greens in the barrels and ribbons and bows.

Mrs. Milewski stated the monthly calendar doesn't have the garden club on it. Mrs. Block stated they should call Veronica in Mr. Maffei's office.

6. Green Team/Chamber of Commerce – we have done a few cleanups and will continue again in Sept.

7. Public Relations – Mr. Constantino stated his public relations will be to help the garden club advertise their speakers. Mr. Romanowski stated the League of Municipalities is the 19th of Nov if he has some literature he will distribute it as there are a lot of vendors there and he would walk around and give out applications.

8. Earth Day – Entire Commission and Liaison – We are working on publicity and sending out applications, etc.

9. Award and Commendations – Mr. Kosinski absent. We will do something with the two women – Lois Jacobson Don't Feed the Water Fowl and Marge Gwynne did the brochure on vinyl bulk head. We have been talking about giving them commendations.

10. Open Space Committee – Mrs. Milewski stated they are still trying to find the deed to the cemetery to get that completed. We have ordered the fence for the cemetery but we have to be sure we own the property.

11. Eagle Scout Liaison – Mike Kern- reported that the Eagle Scout project that Tyler is doing on Dorsett Dock Wharf, we found out that the property going down to the water is the boroughs. We have riparian rights so he will be able to construction a ramp. Chris Constantino stated we will be able to repair the bulkhead where the boards are falling and bolts are coming loose. He will present his project to the Council tomorrow night.

12. Climate Action –Mr. Digney stated that Mr. Scarpone of Ocean First sent out 247 surveys and got back 37. There is no meeting this month. He attended energy audit seminar but he never received the file they were supposed to send him. It was good but very much over your head. You have to drill holes in furnaces for carbon, etc. You close up a house and you have a fan inside and out but you have to be careful because it can suck the plaster off the walls, you have to tie everything down all pilot lights out, etc.

He is going to train us and hopefully we can go out and train others – but I

couldn't do that. I don't understand it that well. The equipment is expensive. He would give us the equipment. Even he doesn't like doing it.

Mr. Constantino stated he is going to be here next week he sent out e mails to everyone if you want to sign up. 6 or 7 are signed up. 7 – 9 PM

There was a discussion on Solar Panels and energy conservation.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Improving our Recycling Effort Campaign – we working with the Env. Club at the High School and Earth Day will be recycling.

2...Bay Point Harbor Condos –Council is still awaiting a meeting with the Trustees of the Condo Organization.

3 Forms for suggested greening and shade tree ord. are being worked on.

4. Shade Tree Ord. on hold.

5, Pt. Pleasant Monopoly Game. On hold

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. APPLICATIONS:

Discussion on the applications but no objections

10. VOUCHERS:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned with motion by Mr.Kern seconded by Mr.Digney All in favor.
Meeting adjourned, 9:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted:

Judith A. Block, Secretary

