

MINUTES
POINT PLEASANT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
December 15, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sheryl Burke called the regular meeting to order and led us in the salute to the flag at 7:00 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 Mrs. Burke. Absent: Mr. Robertson, Mr. Constantino

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes Nov. 17, 2008 - Motion to approve by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Clericuzio. All in favor.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

1, Letter to Supt. Smith regarding the poster contest. Mrs. Burke received a call from his Secretary. They are very excited. They love our programs and they love our presentation in the education of our children and they are more than happy to have us do the poster contest again and the learning modules. They also reached out the Environmental club to help us with the learning module and the poster contest.

Mr. Kern stated the Principals of both elementary schools have already received the letter and they are very excited about the program. We have to give them our first and second choice of dates for the learning module. We are thinking about doing it at the end of March, 4th and 5th grades. Mrs. Burke would like to set up a committee tonight to work on the learning module. Mr. Kern, Mr. Romanowski, Mrs. Burke and probably Mr. Constantino. Mrs. Rogers will also be working on the program.

7. Mrs. Burke stated that because of the problems we had with the last two Eagle Scout Projects, the lack of preparation on behalf of the applicants, Brian Parks has put together proposed policy draft for review of the commission so that we can better screen these projects.

Mr. Clericuzio felt it was an excellent proposal. An Eagle Scout is a prestigious award and should be treated as such. You cannot put an Eagle Scout project together in less than 6 weeks. It is an insult to the award.

Mr. Kern stated they bent over backwards to help to try to remedy the project but it was never accomplished. So in the future it would be a good idea to adopt Brian's proposal and abide

by them in the future.

Mr. Kosinski thought the draft was good with two suggestions. One that the scout appears before the commission with his Troop Leader so he is aware of what is being presented. Secondly that after he appears before us with the presentation of the finalization of his project that he go before the council and present to the council as well.

Mr. Kosinski suggested we hold this draft for the next meeting so all the members can review it before approval.

2. Mr. Clericuzio asked that a note of thanks be sent to Jaeger Lumber for his Save Lumber by building green.

6. Mr. Kosinski stated the signs offered by the Manasquan River Watershed Assoc. are very nice. Discussion arose regarding the placing of these signs. Mr. Clericuzio stated there is only one location that is on #88 at the borderline. The north end of the Beaver Dam Creek feeds. They want us to identify local stream crossings and they will give us one of the signs to place there. Mr. Kosinski said we should take advantage of this nice sign.

Mrs. Burke suggested we identify the proper location. Mr. Kosinski will take a look and identify it and find out what actually is required to acquire a sign. Mrs. Burke said we would have to write a letter and we would have to install the sign.

Mr. Clericuzio stated he would like to explore the possibility of putting an osprey platform on the north branch of the Beaver Dam Creek. During the months of Feb. or March if the site is suitable. There have been many ospreys sited on that branch of the creek. He thinks he has someone to build it. Mr. Romanowski asked if it could be in the park. Mr. Clericuzio will bring someone in to search it out.

Mrs. Burke stated there is an e mail asking us to identify our osprey nests. Mr. Constantino was going to take care of answering that e mail.

Mr. Clericuzio asked if we could afford the Walk able/bike able community's road show. He would like to look into sharing the expense with other communities. Mr. Kosinski stated maybe the DARE program could finance this as it fits into their bike safety.

Mrs. Rogers suggested this be referred to the Open Space Committee in conjunction with their canal walk. Mr. Kern suggested that if we are able to get the funds from another source, that we tie it into a community watch program meeting.

Mrs. Rogers stated she will try to get it funded by the Open Space Funds at the Council meeting.

Mr. Kern moved that we join ANJEC for 2009, seconded by Mr. Romanowski. All in favor on roll call vote

Mr. Clericuzio asked that a little note be sent to our Dept of Public Works commending them on their award from the state on behalf of our Storm water Management Program. Only three communities in Ocean County will receive outstanding recognition for their Program by the Governor.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Mr. Kern We have \$21.71 left and \$2,562.92 in our Earth Day Trust. The \$21.71 will be spent to publish the annual calendar.

2. Planning Board – Mr. Kosinski – There will be a meeting tomorrow night to go over the proposed master plan changes. There will be formal action to amend the Master Plan At the regular meeting the 18th nothing significant. There has been an ongoing COHA Developer on a group of non-contiguous properties in the Maxson Ave. area and by the OB Diner. There is a settlement on the table. Mrs. Rogers stated there are four resolutions on the council agenda pertaining to COHA, one being an appointment of a coordinator.

The Board has ruled on the new application of the Dairy Queen, the applicant may chose to litigate but basically he has to remove the ice cream cones.

Nature's Reward is going to move into Ocean Automotive Center, He is going to keep both. Produce center at the automotive center and garden center at the present location. The Planning Board is waiting for the Tree Ordinance to be finalized, they are supporting it but they want to see the draft.

3 Beautification – Mr. Robertson Absent – Mrs. Milewski stated they have nothing to report.

4. Education – Mr. Kern recapped the report regarding our programs to be done in conjunction with the schools. The poster contest and assembly.

5. Garden Club – Mr. Digney report they had their Christmas Party last meeting. Mr. Clericuzio reported we will have a speaker at our next meeting, one of the best Landscape Designer in Ocean County in Jan., Bruce Neary. He hoped some of the members would show up 2nd Tues. in Jan. at the Masonic Hall in the Beach. 7:30.

6. Green Team – Mr. Constantino absent.

7. Public Relations – Mr. Constantino absent

8. Earth Day – Entire Commission and Liaison –Subject recycling. Mr. Constantino has been working on SAVE THE DATE. Mr. Romanowski gave out about 25 flyers at the League of Municipalities in Nov.

Mrs. Burke stated she received a call from the Freehold Env. Commission they

will be coming.

9. Award and Commendations – Mr. Kosinski stated he has a procedure typed up and he will send it out to the members.

10. Open Space Committee – Mrs. Rogers stated next month's meeting has been cancelled. We are getting our secretary back and since there is not much on the plate they will have the first meeting in Feb. They are moving forward with the cemetery, the monument is in place and they are working on the fence.

Discussion arose regarding the Canal Walk and the attempt to receive more grants. Each little grant we receive helps to further the project which is a very costly endeavor.

11. Eagle Scout Liaison – Mike Kern thanked Brian Parks for his wonderful policy draft. It will be on the agenda for next meeting after all members have reviewed it.

12. Climate Action –Mr. Digney stated that he missed last month's meeting, this month has been cancelled. Nothing to report.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Improve recycling effort campaign. We discussed as part of Earth Day.
- 2 Forms for suggested greening and shade tree ord. are being worked on.
3. Shad Tree Ordinance being worked on.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recommendations to the Mayor for Members 2009. Mrs. Milewski, Mr. Digney would like to stay and Mr. Clericuzio would like to become an Associate Member. Mrs. Burke moved that we recommend to the Mayor that Brian Parks be made a member Mr. Kosinski moved that we recommend to the Mayor that Mr. Digney and Mrs. Milewski be reappointed and Mr. Parks be appointed to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Clericuzio and that Mr. Clericuzio be made an associate member, seconded by Mr. Kern. All in favor.

2. Dates of the 2009 meeting will remain the same the third Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

9. APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Kosinski stated he will write a letter for the next meeting to be ultimately forwarded to the Mayor and Council objecting to encroaching into the lagoons when replacing bulkhead.

Discussion arose regarding the condition and erosion on the River Park Beach.

The application that arrived late for the agenda regarding the 1st Baptist Church on Ocean Rd. was discussed.

10. VOUCHERS:

Annual Calendar Advertisement	\$21.71
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Moved for approval by Mr. Kosinski, seconded by Mr. Kern. All in favor on roll call vote.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned with motion by Mr.Kern seconded by Mr.Digney All in favor.
Meeting adjourned, 8:30 P.M

Respectfully submitted:

Judith A. Block, Secretary