

MINUTES
POINT PLEASANT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
January 16, 2009

Councilman William Dikun asked to speak before the meeting as he had a very important meeting to attend and apologized for not being able to stay for our meeting but he assured the members of the board that he is very interested in the Environmental Commission and what they are doing and what they can do.. He talked about his interest in Recycling from the time he was a member of the Key Club in High School and as a fund raiser they had to work on Saturdays at the Recycling Center. He spoke about the need for energy conservation, solar panels, and windmills. He assured the Commission that this was all of great interest and concern to him and that he will be on board at our meetings. He had received the minutes and material of this meeting so he will be kept informed and will do whatever he can to be of help.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman Michael Kern 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. Romanowski, Mr. Kern, Mr. Digney, Mr. Parks
Absent: Mr. Kosinski, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Constantino, Mr. Robertson

REORGANIZATION:

Mr. Kern welcomed our new member Brian Parks.

Mr. Kern asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. He stated he spoke to Mr. Constantino this afternoon who apologized for not being here this evening but he is still interested in being the Vice Chair. He placed Chris's name in nomination, seconded by Mr. Digney. All in favor.

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes Dec. 15, 2008 - Motion to approve minutes as written by Mr. Digney, seconded by Mr. Romanowski. All in favor.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. No response as yet from Open Space Committee regarding the possibility of holding a road show from ANJEC.
2. Letter to Jaeger thanking him for his support of Green Building Materials
3. Letter of Congratulations to DPW for Governor's Award
4. Annual Calendar sent e mail

5. Copy of letter recommending Jan. appointments to commission
New Correspondence from Island Heights inviting us to attend an Energy Audit
Jan 29th if anyone is interested.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Mr. Kern reported we are working on a temporary budget. We submitted our 2009 budget and we will probably be meeting with them sometime late Jan or early Feb. Our Earth Day Trust Fund \$2,563.92. Some of that will be eaten up with the poster contest and expenses for Earth Day.

2. Planning Board – Mr. Kosinski – Absent.

3. Beautification – Mrs. Milewski – no report

4. Education – Mr. Romanowski and Mr. Kern. Mr. Kern spoke with the Principals of the Elementary schools about doing the presentations for the 4th and 5th graders like we did last year. They want an outline of what we are going to do. Nellie Bennett wants to do it in two separate sessions which will be much easier. We will be doing it sometime in March.

Lois Jacobson, climate action groups is going to get in touch with the Environmental Club at the High School to get something about Climate action going with them. Mr. Romanowski is going to follow up with her on that.

5. Garden Club – Mr. Digney stated they had a great meeting the other night. Bruce Neary, Landscape Design gave a lecture. We had 20 people show up, it was a great presentation. Plans have been finalized for Phil. Flower Show for March 2nd. 8:30 AM we will be leaving Cystal Pointe \$60.00 bus and admission.

Mr. Kern asked what was one of the main ideas Mr. Neary gave the group.

Mr. Digney stated the main thing was not to block your doorway. Make it inviting in the front of your house. The focal point should be your front door so everything should be focused on that. People tend to have big hedges and planting that block the view of the doorway. It should be balanced also.

6. Green Team/Chamber of Commerce –Mr. Constantino – on hold.

7. Public Relations – no report

8. Earth Day – Entire Commission and Liaison – Mr. Kern spoke with Sheryl she will be home in two weeks. We need to get moving on our education module and sponsors, vendors, etc.

9. Award and Commendations – Mr. Kosinski absent.

10. Open Space Committee –Tom Kosinski and Sheryl absent. They didn't have a meeting last month.

11. Eagle Scout Liaison – Mike Kern- No new Eagle Scouts coming before the Board. I know Tyler had a fundraiser at Burro Burrito the other night. He had a nice piece in the paper. He made \$305.00. He has a lot of different businesses chipping in and helping him. He is looking to begin the first week of April.

Mr. Kern asked Brian Parks if he was involved in scouts anymore. Brian stated he is the Ass't Scout Master for Troop 16. There are two scouts who should be looking for projects for their Eagle Scout; they have been referred to the Env. Commission.

Mrs. Milewski asked about the project down at the River. Mr. Kern stated Chris and he made themselves available to meet at 1:00 on a Sat. at 1:30 we got a call that the Scout wasn't coming. Nothing has changed on the project. Brian Parks stated that the project as an Eagle Scout Project has been thrown out. It seems that Dan Pace washed his hands of it.

Mr. Kern felt it was a good concept even just having the species. If we could get a digital file of what he did and have it laminated and as an Environmental group build weather tight signs it would be a good project. The project has already been approved by Mayor and Council. We'll table that and bring it up at the next meeting so everyone is here. I hate to see it just go by the wayside.

12. Climate Action – Mr. Digney stated he missed their meeting last month but he understands they are going to be doing some good things. He will give a full report after the next meeting. Mr. Kern said Lois is trying to get in touch with the schools and making the people in the environmental club like a subcommittee of climate action. Getting the young kids involved will be a good thing.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Recycling – improving our recycling efforts. We have Earth Day dedicated to Recycling. Councilman Dikun just talked about his love for recycling and what can be done. We have been very fortunate the past few years with our liaisons. Mr. Digney questioned if they still just recycling 1 and 2 plastics, is there any market for 3 4 and 5 plastic?

Mr. Kern stated he thought we could bring paint cans to the Beach. Mr. Romanowski stated if there is just a film coat in the can they will take it our recycling center.

Mr. Digney stated even if you recycle the heavier plastic and they go to the

recycling they get thrown out because there is no market for them.

2. . Forms for suggested greening and shade tree ord. are being worked on. Mr. Romanowski also suggested we use some of the suggestions in the article from Mr. Jaeger regarding greening lumber.

Mr. Parks stated he was talking with Shawn O'Rourke, Carl Feltz and several others about possibly the various committees holding a meeting together maybe four times a year to go over things so that we are all on the same page regarding things like this. Sounds like a good idea. Mr. Digney suggested maybe two meetings. Mr. Kern asked how we could do that. It was suggested we send a letter to the other boards and request that we do this, or go through our Liaison and have him bring it up as an action item.

Mr. Digney asked if it would be relatively informal because of the number it would be hard to hold a formal meeting. A round table.

3. Shade Tree Ord. still being worked on It seems to be getting closer. Mr. Parks stated that Mr. O'Rourke was over his house one night and he mentioned the shade tree ord. so he gave me some notes which he had trouble reading.
 - a. He suggested 1 tree per 2,500 sq. ft. of property.
 - b. Tree within 10 feet of lot boundary may be counted for both lots.
 - c. Tree is anything that is capable of reaching 15 feet in height.

Mr. Kern stated that an average lot is 7,500 sq. ft. so you are talking 3 trees per lot. Mr. Digney stated they don't have to be 15 ft they can be small trees or bushes, you have some bushes that reach 15 feet in height.

Mr. Romanowski asked if there is anything in the ordinance about species. There are trees that are better than others. The current proposal does not. Al Clericuzio was trying to suggest more native trees.

Mr. Kern stated he went along with what Chris Constantino suggested because he is much of an expert than he is. It is getting close so we will talking again about it.

4. Nature's Way – Chris was going to answer the conditions of our osprey platforms
5. Manasquan River Watershed – Mr.Kosinski was to indentify site. We only have the one site. North Branch of the Beaver Dam Creek. This was for the sign
6. Adopt procedures for Eagle Scout Projects: Brian Parks was kind enough to put it all together. Mr. Kosinski wanted to make two changes. The Eagle Scout after the project t was complete to come back in front of Mayor and Council and us to let us know the project is complete. Mrs. Block stated he wanted them to appear with his Troop Leader so he is aware of what is being done and also the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Parks stated there is something in there already that says when they are finished they come before us and if the project requires they have to talk to Mayor and Council so they can give their final ok. The Troop Leader is concerned the way the paper work is laid out, the candidate talks with his troop leader before coming to us any way to get the signature, so the troop leader knows the project. He didn't feel that would be of any benefit to have the leader here. Mr. Kern agreed since the Troop Leader has already signed for the project. He thought it was a good idea to have the applicant come back upon completion to both the Commission and the Mayor and Council. Just to let them know, Thank you for approving my project, please go take a look at it when you get a chance.

With that I would move that we adopt Brian Parks' Eagle Scout project outline with that addition to it, seconded by Mr. Romanowski. All in favor.

8. NEW BUSINES

1. Mr. Parks has been looking through the Open Space and Natural Resource Inventory and I found some discrepancies and inaccuracies. There are some things in the report that may no longer be accurate so he felt it would be useful if the commission took a look at it and made recommendations. The Open Space that was approved by the Planning Bd. In August and our Natural Resource Inventory. It is on the web site. Go to the Borough Web Site and find the Natural Resource Inventory and click on Open Space inventory there is the text. There are two NRI's there is one on our web site for the commission when I first made the site and there is one on the Borough site that is a copy given to Tony Onto when Brian finished that as his Eagle Project. That has been augmented and one of the things that has been augmented is a link to this.

Mr. Digney asked if you couldn't get to it from the Borough Web site.

Mr. Parks stated the Natural Resource Inventory that is on the Borough Web site has a link to this. There are certain things that need changing. Couple of lots have strange acreages, the skate park is incorrectly labeled as part of McKennan Lake field.

He also wondered how some of the things were designated historically. Mr. O'Rourke thought it wasn't Brownfield who labeled it it came from someone in the Borough. For example Osborn Cemetery is labeled as historic, White Lawn Cemetery Is not. Things like this that should be looked at.

Brian's Natural Resource Inventory has been updated on the Web with maps from Brownfield to supplement the inventory as well as a link to the Open Space and Recreation plan. At the same time he added new pictures taken at a different season of the year into his inventory on our web site so there are two copies on the internet. Neither of which are the one that was approved in March by the Env. Commission. Between the two is there enough information to be put into one to make one accurate. Mr. Parks suggested that the Environmental Commission have a standing committee

for dealing with the Natural Resource Inventory and as their first order of business it might be prudent to take a look at what Brownfield has done and move toward recommending that the Environmental approve that as the official Natural Resource Inventory with the addition of pictures of sites and maybe if Mr. Romanowski does something on mosquitoes that be included as well.

Mr. Kern moved that we form a Natural Resource Committee under our standing committees and I would like to recommend Brian Parks as the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Romanowski. All in favor. Mr. Kern stated as needed in the future whoever you need to help let us know. We want to be sure that what we are sending out on our web site is accurate.

Mrs. Milewski stated she would be happy to help with any of the materials she had gathered working with Brownfield.

Mr. Parks stated that the Environmental Commission is responsible for creating the Natural Resource Inventory and providing it to the Planning Board and Zoning Board. It doesn't specify how, he assumed by having it on the Internet and letting them know about that is sufficient. And once we do that the Planning Bd and Zoning Bd. Are required by law to provide the Commission a copy of all plans that go before them. At the same time failure to do so does not invalidate it. It is a courtesy.

Mr. Kern stated we will send them both a letter advising them of same.

2. Adopt a Spot – Mr. Kern thinks it is a great thing he couldn't understand why we can't get this going. I could have 20 people wanting a spot. I have 10 spots available and if one backs out I have 10 more waiting. We just can't get the stamp of approval from the Council. He is going to do some research from three of the surrounding towns and present it to our Liaison Mr. Dikun and ask that it be brought back up before the Council. He will do Brick, Wall, Manasquan, Bay Head and the Beach. What is their liability, etc. Any business would jump at it. John Robertson does it so beautifully with no recognition.

Mr. Parks stated he asked Shawn O'Rourke and he said the Council was concerned About continuity. If someone dropped the ball after a year that will pick it up? We never had that happen.

Mr. Romanowki stated that is what Mike just said you have people in line.

9. APPLICATIONS:

1. Application they are applying to make their error legal Briskey Block 279 Lot 56 and 56.01.

10. VOUCHERS:

ANJEC Dues 2009 \$360.00

Moved for payment by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Digney. 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, 8:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted:

Judith A. Block, Secretary

