

MINUTES
POINT PLEASANT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
February 16, 2009

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

Reorganization appointment of standing committees: Mrs. Burke announced that Mr. Robertson would like to be made an alternate member. We will write a letter to the Mayor requesting that Mr. Romanowski be made a regular member, Mr. Parks be made alternate #1 and Mr. Robertson be made Alternate #2.
far the sign can be moved.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes February 16, 2008 - Motion to approve by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Digney. All in favor with Mr. Kosinski abstaining.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 2009 Budget review schedule. Mr. Kern reported we are scheduled to meet with the council Friday night at 7:15. We are working off the temporary budget right now and our Earth Day account has \$2,563.92 available for Earth Day. He presented pretty much the same budget as last year taking off maybe \$300.00.

4. Feeding the seagulls – Mrs. Burke asked what that e mail was about. Mrs. Block stated it was an email from a resident inquiring if we had an ordinance and I referred it to Kevin Burke. We do have an ordinance but it is not for private property and the fine anywhere else on public property is \$1.00. Mr. Constantino stated that because of the State storm water management they had to adopt an ordinance.

7. Civic US – a workshop balancing additional environmental issues, responsibilities, long time planning.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Mr. Kern Gave his budget report. Mr. Kern addressed a gentleman sitting in the audience asked if he had a specific issue. Mr. John Ciser introduced himself as the

Water Shed Ambassador. He knew the former ambassador had done some things with the commission and he wanted to offer his assistance. Mrs. Burke stated she had done some clean ups and participated in Earth Day, Karen. Mr. Ciser was welcomed and would like to participate in Earth Day in some way.

2.Planning Board – Mr. Kosinski – stated they did reorganize. There is not much going on. No applications out of the ordinary. The COHA plan was submitted on time. They have reactivated the ordinance committee to review all the borough ordinances. He hoped to do something with the tree ord. Mr. Constantino stated he spoke with Shawn O’Rourke and they are trying to get some things together.

Mrs. Rogers stated they are looking at the Mother Daughter housing to better define that ordinance.

Discussion arose about the updating of the web site to include all the land use ordinances. Mr. Constantino is putting something together.

3. Beautification – Mrs. Milewski had a couple of questions. The Barnegat Bay Estuary, would they do anything with the River? The river needs saving too. There is a save the Manasquan committee you could contact. Steve Taylor, Manasquan River Watershed.

Maybe we should do something about the new park, clean up, etc. Also the Eagle Scout project with the signs did not work out. Mrs. Burke stated Dan Pace visited her and he said he is waiting to hear from them. He wanted her to do the poster for him she advised him to talk to Mike Kern that is his committee. He said he is waiting for the counsel to give him an extension.

Mr. Parks stated that last he heard that project was not going anywhere. He had 25 days from the night he came to us to complete the project.

Mr. Kern stated that at the last meeting we talked about that project and we decided as a committee we would take on the project and do it right. Get the paper laminated, build the box, have it waterproofed, because we are the committee that stood behind and I don’t want council to look back and think we didn’t do our job. We got egg on our face on this one let’s clean it up and fix it and make it right.

Mrs. Milewski asked if we would have to find people to donate trees or whatever for the park. Mr. Constantino stated when they had the erosion problem going on there in Dec. in speaking with Mr. Forsythe, they had their planting plan, how they were going to stabilize the slope and I asked when would be the time to broaden the horizon. They suggested that outside groups could go and do it after they have done what they need to do. I have been pointed in the right direction from people I know, where and how we can get some stuff so with their assistance we can get something done.

Mr. Clericuzio stated they put in Beach grass. Discussion arose about the progress of the park.

4. Education – Mr. Kern and Mr. Romonowski stated he talked to his daughter about the Env. Club having meetings, they haven't. I was talking to the woman that coordinates the beach clean ups. A woman in Bay Head has something on bottle top recycling that you can get credits for. That might be something for the club to get involved in.

Mr. Kern stated the group is ready to go to the schools and present their educational modular to the 4th and 5th graders. "It's more than bottle and cans". It will be the middle of March. The theme is the "3 R's" Trying to educate the children with the 3 r's, recycling, reusing and reducing. Interaction program to impress upon them waste management. The first R is made it is the size of Ms. Rogers.

Discussion arose about the cemetery. The Env. Club might be interested in helping with the clean up, etc. Mrs. Rogers put Mr. Romanowski in touch with Greg Zyrz.

The brochure is also getting ready for print.

5. Garden Club – Mr. Digney stated that the bus trip to the flower show is filled up. Good meeting on composting, a lady from a tree nursery. Next month we have Steve Kristof he will give us a landscaping ideas. He will be selling plants he has a unique quality of plants. They are thinking about eliminating the barrels a lot of them are falling apart. They are thinking of doing something in back of the library. We would have to get permission, or even something at the new park.

6. Green Team/Chamber of Commerce/- Mr. Kern stated he put something together that he go from other towns regarding Adopt a Spot just for a preliminary idea. If we set the criteria of the adopt a spot and we start off with 5 spots and we won't do them until we have 8 applications. We will always have 3 people on hold. We will get a 2 year contract. At any time if that group violates any of our rules they get kicked out and someone else is put in. We make it a privilege to have one. We can get DPW involved don't know why it can't work in Pt. Pleasant.

Ms. Rogers stated the comments are that the DPW gets stuck with the project when it is abandoned. Mrs. Burke stated that is not true and they have never been stuck with any of the spots. No one ever dumped the spot.

Mr. Kern stated he will talk with Dennis Sears and find out his pros and con's.

7. Public Relations – Tom Kosinski, Chris Constantino – We should get some press releases out for Earth Day. A bit about our Learning Module and mention Earth Day. Anyone wants to sponsor or be part of the day.

8. Earth Day – The Entire Commission - Mrs. Burke – We are hoping to get the petting

zoo back, we will have the rides again. The food we are giving Sue a break and having a few business's lined up. The signs are lined up. It will be just as exciting as last year if not more. Discussion arose on costs of sponsors, tee shirts, etc. Ms. Rogers stated she has three of the sponsors from last year. We are going to do 100 shirts with volunteer shirts about 48 volunteers. We sold 100 last year.

Mr. Constantino stated he is going to send out postcards rather than letters and will do that as a contribution. It will be easier to get printed. We will get most of them over the internet.

Mrs. Burke stated she heard from the county engineer. They are not going to be participating but he will make sure that Bridge Ave is crystal clean for Earth Day.

Mr. Ciser stated he will be participating in Earth Day and also the Mosquito Commission with be there with a helicopter if possible.

A lengthy discussion on Earth Day continued. Mrs. Block will write a letter to Mr. Maffei requesting what we will need for Earth Day. Snack bar closed, water on, tents, tables and chairs (how many) electricity checked so it won't go out. Some people will need electricity like JCP & L.

Brian Parks will look into entertainment. We have Soup Sandwich and Ed Austin also the Chorus from school.

9 Awards and Commendations – Tom Kosinski – Will put in writing. Have four end of the year awards – Home of the Year, Business of the Year, Private citizen of the year and one for public employee not including Mayor or Council. Two houses and two businesses a quarter, take pictures, ask for nominations. Give a certificate, at end of year from those 8 take one for the year.

Mr. Clericuzio recommended – Mrs. Jacobson and Marge Gwynne and also George Boyajian. Mayor Konkus and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burke for keeping the park across the street from becoming an A&P.

10..Open Space Committee –Sue Rogers stated next meeting the 23rd. They will be looking at the Canal Walk again. Also at the use of some of the funds.

11. Eagle Scout Liaison – Mike Kern. – reported that Tyler who is doing the Dorsett Dock Wharf had a fundraiser over Valentine's Day and made over \$700.00 in Candy, they were handmade chocolate roses. They were beautiful. Mr. Kern bought a few and sent people his way. Nothing else going on.

Mr. Clericuzio made some suggestions regarding the Wharf project.

Ms. Rogers spoke about one main project being sent for the Environmental Commission

to be recognized. Suggestions were Earth Day, Saving the Slade Dale Sanctuary, Our Gypsy Moth Program was the most successful in Ocean County using non-toxic spray, establishment of the Environmental Commission 40 years ago when other communities had none. We were one of the first in northern Ocean County. Ms. Rogers will help someone put it all together. Mr. Clericuzio will furnish her with information regarding Slade Dale. Mr. Digney suggested it should be either Slade Dale or Earth Day. It was decided by vote that we go with Slade Dale Sanctuary with Mr. Clericuzio's help.

Mr. Clericuzio had some information for Brian to put on our Web Site.

12. Climate Action – Mr. Digney stated Lois Jacobson and Mrs. Rocco are trying to get some of the Env. Club joins this committee. Dennis Blazac stated that the Lutheran Church offered the back of their church area to help with the COHA requirements. Ms. Rogers is meeting with people from the church to work on this.

March 14th bring books to the library to be recycled. They had an energy audit at Stockton College, Lois went but don't know how it went.

Several councilmember's and myself went to Island Heights regarding overview of programs and what we can do. Lavallette is going to do an energy audit and they got a quote for \$39,000. To do all municipal buildings. No money left in the state funds.

Mrs. Burke stated she forgot to mention that under recycling there is a company that has a program whereby you can reward your residents for recycling. They can be given coupons to stores upon recycling their goods. It is company based in New York City they give households credit for the weight of recyclables set out for curbside pickup. They can earn up to \$540 in rewards annually. Boosts in recycling have been reported and hundreds of households will receive the service this year. They are going to give me the information.

13. Natural Resource Inventory – Mr. Parks spoke with Brownfield about status of that report which was finished the end of Jan. he is in the process of incorporating the changes with the changes we have done and coming up with a unified inventory. He wanted to have it done by today but then the whole thing with the school happened so he will have it ready for the next meeting hopefully with more than enough time that he could send an e mail around to everyone for review.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Improve Recycling Effort Campaign – already discussed
2. Prepared form for suggested greening for new construction applications – we are waiting for the shade tree ordinance.
3. Shade Tree Ord. being worked on
4. Adopt a Spot we discussed
5. Manasquan River Watershed Ass'n. re. sign – Mr. Kosinski – Mr. Constantino stated our answer is right there on map exactly where line is. Mr. Constantino will take care of it.
6. Repair Project River pier – We will take over.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. APPLICATIONS:

10. VOUCHERS:

Mrs. Burke stated we need \$169.00 for additional signs taken from last year's Earth Day
Four additional signs.

Ponies and More from Trust Fund \$500.00

Moved for approval by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Romanowski. All in favor on roll call vote.

Mr. Clericuzio stated he has someone who wants to build another osprey platform – this will be researched.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Kern, seconded by Mr. Disney. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted:

Judith A. Block, Secretary

