

**MINUTES**  
**POINT PLEASANT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**May 18, 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. Milewski, Mr. Romanowski, Mr. Kosinski, and Mrs. Burke.  
Absent: Mr. Robertson, Mr. Constantino, Mr. Kern, Mr. Parks and Mr. Digney

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes April 20, 2009 - Motion to approve by Mr. Kosinski, seconded Mr. Romanowski. All in favor.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mrs. Burke had one thing she wanted to talk about – letter to Mayor and Council regarding support of Bill # S-2503 and A-2872. Registration of businesses maintaining trees. The Council adopted the resolution. She felt we should now revisit the tree ordinance again. This bill will license tree businesses. Also Jackson Tree Ord. has been upheld. We should get a copy of the Jackson Tree Ord. for a sample. Maybe now we can stop the cutting of trees without being replaced somewhere.

Mr. Kosinski thought the problem with our proposed tree ord. was that it got way too specific. We have to simplify it. We need a process for cutting down trees. They have to come in get an application, file a fee. They have to appear before this board, explain what they are taking down and why and get an approval. You cannot take down a tree no matter how big or small without coming before the Env. Commission, unless it is an emergency and that would have to be, “the tree fell”.

If they want to take one tree down and the Env. Commission decides it has no environmental impact they should be allowed to do it or if there are 500 trees and wants to take down 499 you have to get an approval here and pay the fee.

Mrs. Burke stated that is what we want the fee is to go into a fund to replant trees somewhere else. If I took down a tree I would put into that fund a certain amount of money to plant a full adult tree. Also she liked the fact that the resolution states they have to be tree experts because too many times they aren't.

Mr. Kosinski stated it seems the problem the council has is that they don't want to do it on smaller lots which is just about 80% of the Borough.

Mrs. Burke stated we will have to sit down revamp it and send them everything we have and let them take it from there. We also have to design an application, which has never been done.

Mr. Romanowski wondered if we would be mired in what the definition of a tree is? Mrs. Burke stated we would have to make that determination. We could possibly come up with a few species that are native to our area.

4. Letter regarding recycling containers at Summer fest. Mr. Sears replied that there were cans but they actually didn't work so they are working on something else to improve the recycling effort.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Budget – Mr. Kern absent. We have \$3,810.42 in our Earth Day Trust account.

2. Planning Board – Mr. Kosinski – Dairy Queen is still not done. Nothing else going on

3 Beautification – Mr. Robertson - Mrs. Milewski asked that maybe with the Riverfront Park we could do something with the scouts or Environmental Club planting flowers or something.

They are scheduling a cleanup there and also Mrs. Burke stated she was approached by Judy's daughter, the project that her grandson did Dorsett Dock Wharf, the neighbors asked if possibly the Boy Scouts could clean up the area on the left hand side in front of the condo's along the water. The only way the Boy Scouts could do it would be an organized cleanup. We can't do anything about it without Chris and Mike we will put It under new business for next meeting.

Mr. Romanowski reported that the Mosquito Commission has been busy and out Spraying quite a bit. He reminded everyone to be sure there were no standing containers in their yard that could hold even the smallest amount of water, because that is where the breed. Pt. Pleasant has been a hotbed for West Nile Mosquitoes. We have had a lot of birds, and a lot of it is the stuff in people's backyards. He has a seasonal person who is going to go to people's yards and do this type of audit and he would like to advertise someone gives us a call and we will go through your yard things that are good or bad. He will write something up for the Web Page and we can put an ad in the paper. He will write something up that maybe we could put in the water bills.

4. Education – Mr. Romanowski introduced his daughter, Kristin, who was here representing the Environmental Club in the High School to try to get ideas of what the Club can do. They are planning a Cleanup at Community Park, as suggested by Mr. Burke.

Mr. Kosinski suggested we send a letter to the Recreation Commission and the Soccer Club, etc. that they clean up after themselves. Mrs. Burke suggested we write a letter to Mayor and Council stating that it has been brought to our attention that after the games or practices there is a lot of garbage, including water bottles, candy wrappers, etc. littered on the field and on Beach Blvd.

Ms. Romanowski stated she is here looking for things for the Env. Club to do. They are planning on the cleanup and getting involved in the sticker, graffiti campaign. Mrs. Burke suggested education is the major thing in the school. Mr. Kosinski suggested for next year contact the DEP, they have a program that will help you get fluorescent bulbs for nothing and you can sell them as fundraiser. New Jersey Natural Gas Energy Star Program.

5. Garden Club – Mr. Digney absent

6. Green Team – Mr. Constantino absent.

7. Public Relations – Mr. Constantino absent

8. Earth Day – Entire Commission and Liaison – We went over that last meeting.

9. Award and Commendations – Mr. Kosinski no report

10. Open Space Committee – Mr. Kosinski asked for the next meeting that we get a report of what the Open Space Trust fund is at dollar wise. Mrs. Block will furnish that.

11. Eagle Scout Liaison – Mike Kern Absent. Mrs. Burke stated we are still in limbo with Dan Pace project. It was not approved. Chris and Jack will get over to fix the project before the park opens.

12. Climate Action – Mr. Digney absent. Mrs. Burke stated they made a nice presentation at the Council meeting on an energy audit. Colonial Market has gone green by eliminating as much as possible the use of plastic bags. The Leo Club and Key Club will be going to businesses to try to get them to do the same.

Mr. Romanowski stated that is something also the Env. Club can do. They are looking for someone to get involved in the Climate Action Control Committee. Lois Jacobson is the Chairman.

13. Natural Recourse Inventory – Brian Parks absent

## 7. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Adopt Natural Resource Inventory – held for next meeting
2. & 3 - Prepare application and Shade Tree Ord. – Mrs. Burke stated we should go over the ord. and make up and application, with Tom’s help. Should have something for next meeting. Mrs. Milewski stated it seems to take so long to get permits. If they have to wait from one month to the next monthly meeting. Mrs. Burke suggested that we have a committee of three reviewing the applications. Chris will want to be on, Sheryl and Mike Romanowski.
4. Adopt a Spot – Mike is working on.
5. Manasquan River Watershed Ass’n re. sign – Deadline over with can be removed.
6. Repair project River Pier – Eagle Scout Project – Will be worked on – Discussion arose regarding the vandalism to the new walkways and pier. Suggestions made how to remedy damage.
7. Replace Public Access Sign Bay Point Harbor – follow up letter to be sent to DPW
8. Clean ups May 23 and 30<sup>th</sup> – to be removed cleanups to be done
9. Walkway along Riverfront Park (access blocked) to be removed taken care of
10. Compost bins - Mrs. Burke stated that years ago they used to give away compost bins and they have money in a trust account. She felt we should revamp that program and send a memo to Jude Walker and ask if he can revamp this and we will advertise and get that going again. Mr. Romanowski stated that there should be some education given out with the bins. You don’t just plop things in there then you have all kinds of problems. You can have a fly biting problem.

Mrs. Burke suggested we pick a day where we will give them away and in the park we will have a learning seminar. You have to be approved, you come to our little festival, you learn about composting and you walk away with a free composter. That could be a nice little festival. We can gear it for fall composting. She will e mail Mary. Maybe we could invite Ocean gro and have Jude Walker with recycling information, garden club members. Mr. Romanowski suggested the Master Composters Program. It is run by Rutgers, Master Gardeners Mr. Clericuzio stated Sandra Snow will be at the last meeting of the Garden Club. Mrs. Burke stated it is run by Solid Waste Management. They can probably give us brochures, etc. Mrs. Burke will call Kathleen Avery, also Sandra Snow. Have gardening seminar. Mr. Romanowski stated we should we should the Env. Club about this seminar. Mrs. Burke said we will try for the end of June, if we can pull it all together.

11. Mr. Leitner asked us to look into the borough using Ocean gro, it is not to be used on vegetables. Mrs. Burke will look into it.

12. We will look into the Windmill Ordinances and solar power.

13. Accessibility of Mulch to residents

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Look into Scouts clean up Dorsett Dock behind the Condo's at request of Condo Owners.

**9. APPLICATIONS:**

Mr. Kosinski was not happy with the application as much as them were legalizing things already done.

**10. VOUCHERS:**

Garden Club	\$300.00
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Moved for approval by Mr. Kosinski, seconded by Mr. Romanowski. All in favor on roll call vote.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned with motion by Mr. Kosinski seconded by Mrs. Millewski. All in favor. Meeting adjourned, 8:05 P.M

Respectfully submitted:

Judith A. Block, Secretary













