

MINUTES
POINT PLEASANT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
September 21, 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. Szymanski Absent: Mr. Robertson

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approval of July 20th, 2009 Minutes - Motion to approve by Mr. Kosinski, seconded by Mr.Kern. All in favor. (The August meeting was cancelled for lack of quorum.

Ambrose Cooper, Candidate for Eagle Scout spoke regarding his proposed project on Richard Rd. He sent a letter to the surrounding neighbors and they will all be meeting with members of the Environmental Commissar to discuss the project on the 27th of Sept.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

No Comments on Communications

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Mr. Kern – reported on our budget and discussion arose regarding the printing of the brochures. We will write another letter to Open Space requesting donation of funds to help print the brochure designed by Brian Parks on Slade Dale.

2.Planning Board – Mr. Kosinski – Nothing much happening at the Planning Board except they are out of money.

3. Beautification – Mrs. Milewski – Nothing much going on other than the opening of the Riverfront Park. It is beautiful.

4.Education – Mr. Romonowski stated he spoke with his daughter regarding the Environmental Club at the High School, she is going to be one of the officers. They are interested in knowing about anything they can do to help the commission. He suggested they might get involved in helping Amborse on Richard Rd.

Tom Szymanski said the troop didn't have their clean up last week end as they had a trip. Troop 16 was going to clean up the end of Pine Bluff Ave where the canal runs into the Manasquan River, a lot of fishing there, so there is a lot of garbage, the fence is really very dilapidated and a hazard. Suggested the Env.Club could help with that. They will pick a date and get back to Mr. Romanowski. Mrs. Burke also suggested Community Park badly in need of a cleanup.

Mr. Kosinski suggested that the Env. Club might get involved in our Learning Module for Earth Day. They might even be able to write it. Mr. Kern suggested one of the Commission go to their meetings and speak about it. Mr. Kosinski suggested this could be part of their annual program. Mr. Romanski stated we would have to give them our topic for Earth Day to work on. Mr. Szymanski spoke to several of the teachers at the middle school and he told them about the educational program we had going and they were wondering if we would be willing to go into the Middle School, they are still young and might be receptive. Mr. Szymanski will talk further with the teachers.

Mr. Romanowski stated the Env. Club is going to continue work on the recycling program in the schools.

Mrs. Burke said that Lois Jacobson has also spoken with the schools regarding the recycling program. Mr. Kern stated we are making inroads with the younger children through our Learning programs, in the lower. It is starting to show as they get into the Middle School.

Mr. Romanowski stated Mrs. Hoffmaster is looking to step up recycling in Ocean Rd. and he will touch base with her.

Mr. Kosinski stated we have co mingled recycling in this town so the kids should be able to get that concept and adapt. It isn't the kids as much as it is the janitors not keeping the garbage and recycling separated.

Mrs. Burke suggested we meet with the Environmental Club and get some ideas from them. Mr. Romanowki stated they meet after school which would be around 3:00. Mr. Szymanski stated he is not around during the week maybe on a Friday. They will try to set something up. Mr. Szymanski stated the containers they use are those big blue plastic barrels, it would be better if they had the ones with the small hole on the top for recycling.

5.Garden Club – Mr. Digney stated they met for the first time since the summer and spoke about the speakers for the year. They are going to post a flyer regarding Who is the Garden Club and What do we do, soliciting members. They are looking to have about 25 members, they now have around 16.

6.Green Team/Chamber of Commerce/- already discussed

7. Public Relations – Tom Kosinski, Chris Constantino –

8. Earth Day – The Entire Commission, Mr. Constantino suggested our theme could be “Getting the point on Non-Point Source Pollution”. Clean Water, clean waterways. Mr. Szymanski suggested use of fertilizers, nitrogen free and things like that. It is starting to come back now but the Bay was wiped out. Raritan Bay is still a disaster area a lot of the pollution coming out of the Hudson watershed but a lot of nitrogen wiping out the algae and then the small fish can’t grow and the big fish can’t eat the small fish so there is nothing left. The sailors are trying to do a lot about use of nitrogen free fertilizers and all that stuff.

Mr. Romanowski stated somewhere along the line you will be seeing some kind of regulations on the use of fertilizers.

Do you like the “Clean Water” idea? Mr. Szymanski liked it. Mr. Kern stated we are surrounded by water the kids are growing up surrounded by it and are most of the time on the water. They should be taught how to keep it clean.

Mr. Constantino suggested we go for sources of water pollution. Littering, fertilizers. Mrs. Burke stated we will need more sponsors if we are going to do the giveaway for our Learning Module.

Mr. Kosinski stated there are groups who might be able to drum up people to help us with the educational module. Ocean First has a Trust fund for things like this. They could put their name on the water bottles as give a ways Last year we had about 700 kids.

Earth Day will April 17th rain date April 18th. We will be doing something will clean water. H2O is the way to go.

9 Awards and Commendations – Tom Kosinski We will do something at Earth Day as we have the past few years. Maybe the Chamber could sponsor that award along with us. We should have one award a year for homeowners, possibly most native garden. Mr. Kosinski stated he would like to present an award to Troop 16, they really stepped up. Mr. Szymanski stated they do cleanups, the banks of the Lovenlandtown Bridge, the platform. They are going to do the Canal in a few weeks. We could give an award to Troop 16 at Earth Day.

10..Open Space Committee –Mr. Milewski reported the cemetery is all cleaned up, the fence is up. They are starting to look at properties to purchase in future.

11. Eagle Scout Liaison – Mike Kern. We talked about the Eagle Scout Project on Richard Rd. Beach.

12. Climate Action – They are working on an Energy Audit

13. Natural Resource Inventory –Mr. Szymanski stated there seems to be a problem with our Web site. He was looking at some of the links and it wasn’t going through to the NRI.

Mr. Constantino stated it is probably linked it to the Boro web site. Brian's NRI was on our site, and adopted as a the NRI.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Shade Tree Ord. being worked on, There is some support from the Planning Bd for more greening but there is some reluctance from the council. The Planning Bd. Is starting to attack the existing ordinances. Mr. Romanski stated he was thinking maybe instead of just clean water being our topic for earth day it could be trees and trying to make people understand the importance of trees in their backyard, and throughout the town. The Tree Ord, Mr. Constantino stated was very detailed but he can dumb it down; but it should be enforced. After a lengthy discussion it was decided we will rework the tree ordinance and try to make it less cumbersome.

Mr. Szymanski was going to attend the seminar N J Shade Tree Federation in Cherry Hill to get some pointers on Tree Ordinances in other communities and how they deal with them. He didn't think the Ordinance should die. There are grants available and a good percentage of the towns that apply have received grants.

2. Adopt a Spot - Mr. Kern has the Wall Township Adopt a Spot ordinance he will have it ready for next meeting. Mr. Kosinski stated that as good as the Adopt a Spot program is our Eagle Scout Projects have been better. They are doing the same thing. We should encourage more scouts. Mr. Kern stated we should get the Adopt a Spot program going and it should be an honor to have one of the spots, and if you don't keep up it you lose it.
3. Research Ocean Gro and accessibility of mulch. That will be handled at Earth Day. Mulch is available at Recycling center.
4. Mrs. Burke stated she didn't do anything about the Anjec Award – it required too much work.
5. Access signs, Mr. Constantino reported, are gone from Bay Point Harbor. Mr. Sears' letter stated the Condo Organization originally furnished the signs not the Borough. Write a letter to the Borough asking that they be put back up.
6. Porch Light – we will ask if they can be given out at Earth Day. Mr. Constantino suggested maybe they could be given out at the Christmas Tree Lighting. Mrs. Burke will look into whether this can be done or not.
7. Slade Dale Brochures printing. We are awaiting word from Open Space regarding their funding some of the cost. Mrs. Burke suggested we should also put it on our Web Site.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cleaning behind the condo's on Dorsett Dock Wharf – Mr. Constantino asked if maybe Tyler's troop #3 would like to do it. Mrs. Block will check with Troop #3. It was suggested it could be a competition between Troop 16 and 3. Mr. Kosinski will furnish the Pizza. Set a date and Mr. Romanowski will also check with the Env. Club. Mr. Szymanski will check

with Troop 16.

Mr. Szymanski stated they have taken a lot of steps at his school to implement sanitation stations to combat the swine flu this year. He thought here, at the Rec Center, etc. we could get some of those dispensers from the Purel Company. The school ordered a number of the dispensers at a bulk rate. He thought it was an environmental concern and we should look at the cost factor and maybe get some of them for our buildings. Mrs. Burke asked that he get the information and we will pass it on.

9.APPLICATIONS:

No comments on Applications.

10. VOUCHERS:

11. ADJOURMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Romanowski, seconded by Mr. Kern. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:35 P.M

Respectfully submitted:

Judith A. Block, Secretary

