

**MINUTES
POINT PLEASANT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Sheryl Burke, Chairman, at 7:10 PM., who led us in the salute to the flag.

2. This regular meeting of the Env. Comm. was called to order by the Vice 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: Ms. Romanowski, Mr. Digney, Mr. Scarpello, Mr. Digney, Mr. Kosinski Absent: Mr. Szymanski, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Romanowski

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of September 20, 2010 approved on motion by Mr. Kosinski, seconded by Mr. Digney. All in favor.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The New Jersey Federation is having a conference in Cherry Hill if anyone is interested.

.6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Mrs. Block reported we have \$1,300 in our regular budget and over \$4,000 in Trust

2. Planning Board – Mr. Kosinski –There is supposed to be some pending resolution to the Grasso suit, that was in order to build two duplexes in a nice section of town on the strip by the OB Diner, they are going to build condo units with low income units included. As part of that they get permission to build two family houses. The planning board turned them down twice even for single family homes. They needed variances and the houses were huge.

The cell tower has been withdrawn until next meeting. There is also a potential to have a pool hall where the Drug Fair was going. He wants to keep it open until 2:00 in the morning, no liquor or food. Vending machines. It is a good use for the town. It would give our youth an alternative recreation spot.

There are ordinances that we are supposed to be getting for review but we have not seen yet. Mr. Constantine asked if they are looking at an ordinance on drainage.

Mr. Kosinski said they are looking at changing the existing ord. to state you cannot impede the natural flow as it exists now.

There is nothing on the table right now and there has been nothing on an upgrade of COHA.

3. Beautification – Mr. Kosinski - This town is beautiful. Mr. Constantino stated that after the football game last week, under the bleachers, every game, it is such a mess, bottles, papers, etc.

Ms. Romanowski stated that those are things that the Environmental Club is trying to accomplish. They have recycling bins they just don't use them.

Mr. Kosinski thought maybe instead of Adopt a Spot we should do something like Adopt a cleanup or something like that. They would be committed to a cleanup of a certain area and we would put a plaque or something up. Tom Szymanski is organizing cleanups.

Discussion arose about various properties and the upkeep of them.

4. Education – Mr. Romanowski – Absent – Ms. Romanowski reported that she spoke with Ms. Rocco, the principal of the High School and she said told the janitors to get the recycling bins out in the cafeteria. They are out there but they are gray not yellow. I almost want to scare Ms. Rocco into saying there is \$1,000 a day fine. Mr. Kosinski stated she should get in touch with the street department Jude Walker he will get you stickers to put on the cans. I told her everything can be co-mingled so there shouldn't be a problem recycling.

I was thinking about going into recycling electronics. Mr. Constantino stated the market for electronics is getting dicey it is not like it was. Cell phones and cell phone batteries. Ms. Romanowski stated like I-Pods, she has one that is broken but doesn't want to throw it away. Mr. Constantino suggested she look on a web site they might have something like that. Maybe they give you a discount or a voucher. Some of the stores, Best Buy will take them.

Mr. Kosinski suggested they have a contest between the grades. The class that comes out with the most recycling gets x dollars for project graduation of something.

Ms. Romanowski stated a lot of kids go out for lunch. She didn't know how they would monitor it. She would like Ms. Rocco to make her presence known during the lunch period and the kids would become more aware.

Mr. Kosinski asked if they couldn't make announcements reminding them in the morning to recycle. Mr. Digney suggested posters all over the place.

Ms. Romanowski stated Ms. Rocco is trying to go paperless so she is cutting down, but if they were nice and laminated she would put them up. Laminated is less green than paper, But they will last longer

We are trying to get some grants. There are two big courtyards in the school and we would like to plant them and clean them up.

Mr. Digney stated the Middle School they just got an Ocean First grant for their courtyard. You probably have to write up a grant and he signed it that the Garden Club is going to help. They are putting in bushes and trees. They got \$3,000.

Mr. Kosinski suggested she contact Mr. Robertson and he will give you pointers and help you out.

Ms. Romanowski stated they are going around to the classes and trying to promote recycling again. Hopefully they will start to get it.

5. Garden Club – Mr. Digney – no report – The flower show is in March. We are thinking of the botanical show that they have from Nov to Jan. We may do that in Dec. depending on the cost.

6. Green Team -Adopt a Spot – Chris Constantino – We are working on the Adopt a Spot. We are trying to get the Chamber of Commerce interested. Mr. Kosinski what incentive there is for a business to beautify their properties. Discussion arose about the various properties.

7. Public Relations /NRI/Web Page– Mr. Constantino and Mr. Szymanski. Sheryl has been looking into the web maintenance maybe go out on our own and have Brian host the site. Get it up to date.

8. Earth Day – Entire Commission and Liaison – wanted us to come with the theme. We already did come up with a few months ago. We will have to look back at the minutes. Had something to do with the water. We also talked about bringing back the recycling and adding a character to it.

9. Award and Commendations – Mr. Kosinski – no report

10. Open Space Committee – Mr. Constantino spoke about a teacher who is working on beautifying some of the street ends. Mrs. Block stated that is the Key Club, Mr. Hoffmaster.

11. Eagle Scout Liaison – Mr. Constantino and Mr. Szymanski – Mr. Constantino hasn't heard of any new Eagle Scouts. Tom said there are few lining up. Don't know what happened to Ambrose. Mr. Constantino will reach out to him.

12. Climate Action – Mr. Constantino - They received a grant for a more in-depth energy audit. They had a problem with the volunteers that were trying to do the audit through the military base they could not update the software, they collected a lot of data, did some ground work. They couldn't run the program to get the audit done and because it was from Canada it was more difficult. Oct 7th at 7:00 they are having a presentation Pinelands Preservation Commission, open to the public. They are looking for Municipal

Managers, Env. Commissions, service groups that deal with greening your community. It is here on the 7th of Oct. They meet next Tuesday night we have a lot going on.

Mr. Constantino – the osprey Cam – he spoke to some people from the endangered species program and they are not opposed to our putting up an osprey cam. They want us to put together some paper work just to give them an idea of exactly which platform we are using. Discussion arose regarding the cam and permits, etc. We have a couple of opportunities without a lot of money. We can do the osprey cam this year it could take a couple of years for an eagle cam.

We have to give the information on what platform, etc. We have people that are willing to donate money. It is also \$40.00 a month. We are looking into donations. We have to host through a site. Mr. Kosinski will find out how we can get around the \$40.00 monthly charge. He thought we should have cameras on every nest.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tree Ordinance and application – Mr. Constantino said we have been working on it if someone else would like to take this over – Mrs. Block said that Sheryl has been talking to someone in the Beach trying to do something together. Mr. Constantino asked if we could make something simple like if you take down one tree you replace it with two, could the Planning Board enforce that. The Ord. in effect now applies to no one.
2. Adopt a Spot – may become also adopt a cleanup.
3. Printing Slade Dale brochures, Sheryl is sending the Eagle picture to Brian to be included
4. Learning Module – We are working on that

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Constantino stated he hopes to have some come and speak to us about Eagles. /This presentation on Oct. 7th is hopefully the beginning of a speaker series so maybe our Eagle presentation could be part of that.

9. APPLICATIONS:

10. VOUCHERS:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned with motion by Mr. Kosinski seconded by Mr. Digney. All in favor. Meeting adjourned, 8:10 P.M

Respectfully submitted:

Judith A. Block, Secretary

