

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION– TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN**

**April 7, 2016**

**OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY**

The Regular Meeting was held in the Second Floor, West Wing Conference Room, Town Hall, 399 Monmouth Road Oakhurst, NJ 07755 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

**Present:** Chairman Pogwist  
Member(s) Von Gerichten, Colten, Amellio, Gaudette,  
Alternate(s)  
Associate(s) Johnson

**Absent:** Member(s) Lutz, Brody  
Alternate(s) Rogoff  
Associate(s) Gulick, Grove, Stroebel, Natanagara

**Others:** Kate Maloney, Secretary

**Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Law:**

Ray Pogwist announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Notice was sent to the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster, posted in Town Hall and filed in the office of the Township Clerk on June 8, 2015.

A motion to adopt the March 3, 2016 minutes was made by Norman Colten and seconded by Stephen Gaudette.

In Favor: Pogwist, Von Gerichten, Colten, Amellio, Gaudette  
Opposed: None  
Ineligible: Johnson  
Absent: Brody, Lutz, Rogoff, Gulick, Grove, Stroebel, Natanagara

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Water Action Conference**

Ray Pogwist explained to members that the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Water Action Conference will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Wardlaw Hartridge School in Edison. Pogwist mentioned some of the workshops that will be held during the conference; Energizing New Jersey, Social Media Initiative, Healthy Schools Initiative, and Lead in New Jersey Drinking Water & Other Contaminants.

**ANJEC Commissioner Training**

Chairman Pogwist informed members that the ANJEC Commissioner Training was held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Deep Cut Gardens in Tatum Park in Middletown. The topics discussed at the program were goals of Environmental Commissions, annual reports, quorum meaning and requirements, the ERI or Environmental Resource Inventory, and Hydrology. Pogwist explained to members that this was a good refresher course for himself and associate Mary Johnson.

### **Spring Tree Giveaway**

Ray Pogwist reminded members that the Spring Tree Giveaway will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> between 10 am to 2 pm rain or shine. Member Laurel Von Gerichten explained that the DPW have picked up the 700 tree order on April 6<sup>th</sup> and have stored them at the Township Rec Center until they are needed for separation on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Von Gerichten informed members that the Ocean Township Garden Club will meet that day at 6:45 pm to help separate the trees into groups of the same species and if any members would like to volunteer to help to contact her.

### **Earth Day Fair**

Chairman Pogwist announced to members that the Annual Earth Day Fair will be held at the Township Library on April 23<sup>rd</sup> between 11 am – 2 pm. He explained that there will be multiple local organizations at the event and if any members would like to volunteer to help to please contact him.

### **ITEMS FOR UPDATES:**

#### **Toll Brothers Development – 2,000 Trees**

Chairman Ray Pogwist announced to members that the next Planning Board meeting that will be discussing the proposed Toll Brothers Development with be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. He informed the Commission that he will be submitting an advisory letter to both the Planning Board and Mayor & Council. The letter will request that either the developer will need to build the development in a way that will preserve the mature trees in the area or will require the developer to donate \$350 per tree to the Shade Tree Fund.

#### **Individual Assignments**

Member Renee Amellio updated members on her ongoing project of Anti Idling in the Township. She explained that she spoke with the Township Manger who stated all departments involved are on board. However, she told members that there could possibly be an issue with the enforcement of the program, but she will discuss how best to implement it with the Township Manager and Chief of Police. She explained that the program is geared more towards the education of Anti Idling rather than the enforcement and issuing of tickets. She went on to state that their goal is to kick off the program during Fall Fest.

### **CHAIR'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT:**

**Plan Review** –None

**Planning Board Update** – None

**Concerns** – None

**Comments** – None

**Budget** – None

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Maloney

Secretary