

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

June 2, 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: Member(s) Von Gerichten, Amellio, Lutz, Gaudette, Brody
Alternate(s) Johnson
Associate(s) Stroebel

Absent: Chairman Pogwist
Member(s) Colten
Alternate(s) Rogoff
Associate(s) Gulick, Grove, Natanagara

Others: Kate Maloney, Secretary
Jack Kearns, Resident

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Law:

Renee Amellio 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 May 5, 2016 minutes was made by Stephen Gaudette and seconded by Fred Brody.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Meeting Dates

Kate Maloney; secretary, proposed the new meeting dates for the upcoming year. The members agreed on the following dates:

July 7, 2016	January 5, 2017
Cancelled	February 2, 2017
September 1, 2016	March 2, 2017

October 6, 2016 April 6, 2017
November 10, 2016 May 4, 2017
December 1, 2016 June 1, 2017

The dates will be posted on the township's website. If any scheduling conflicts occur, dates may be changed.

August Meeting Cancellation

Member Laurel Von Gerichten, on behalf of Chairman Pogwist who was absent from the meeting, made a motion to cancel the August Meeting as was suggested by Chairman Pogwist who was absent from the meeting.

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

ITEMS FOR UPDATES:

Sustainable Jersey - Renee

Member Renee Amellio announced to the Commission that the Township's Sustainable Jersey certification is up for renewal in June of 2017. She will continue to work on the Anti-Idling project and hopes to meet with the Township Manager to discuss installing signage throughout the Township to promote awareness and enforcement. She will also be working with the Township School Board on the Power Safe Schools Program. She informed members that while the Township Schools were awarded the grant last year, nothing was ever done with it.

Toll Brothers – Sierra Club Support of EC Against Clear Cutting

Members discussed the letter of support that was received from the Sierra Club in regards to the tree removal for the new development proposed on the corner of Deal Road and Green Grove Road. While members said that the letter of support was encouraging, some questioned if the EC letter should have been sent out the way it was. Member Stephen Gaudette explained that the letter should have been presented to all members during the meeting and the Commission should have voted as to whether to send it out the way it was or to re-write until it was satisfactory with all members. He went on to state that the vote would have made the letter a more cohesive effort from the Commission as opposed to just a group of protesters. Member Fred Brody encouraged members to continuously check the Township website for upcoming meeting dates for the Toll Brothers Development as well as the proposed tennis Center on West Park Avenue.

CHAIR'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Plan Review –None

Planning Board Update – None

Concerns – None

Comments – Member Mary Johnson brought to the attention of the Commission the letters urging not to pass Assembly Bill 2242: Vegetation Management Response Act. The letters were sent to Assembly members Downey and Houghtaling as well as Senator Beck. However, member Stephen Gaudette stated that a vote should have been made before any letters were sent.

Budget – None

This meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Maloney

Secretary