

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMISSION– TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

November 10, 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) Colten, Lutz , Guadette, Brody, Von Gerichten,
Alternate(s) Johnson, Rogoff
Associate(s)Stroebe

Absent:
Member(s)
Alternate(s)
Associate(s) Gulick, Grove

Others: Laura Dorony, Secretary
Jack Kearns, Resident
Devin Goldman, Resident

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Law:

Chairman 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 3, 2016.

A motion to adopt the October 6, 2016 minutes was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Norman Colten

In Favor: Pogwist, Colten, Lutz, Guadette, Brody, Von Gerichten,
Opposed: None
Ineligible:
Absent: Gulick, Grove,

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Guest speaker Jerry Maurer:

Jerry Maurer is representative of “The Friends of Deal Lake” which is a volunteer – grass roots type of program. The members of this committee jump in when they see a concern and help our environment. Jerry Maurer was at the Environmental Meeting regarding his concerns for the runoff from our 3 local golf courses. The Colonial Terrace Golf Course works with outside sources to take care of the grounds. The contract is up for renewal in January. The Friends of Deal Lake are concerned about the pollutants from the runoff from all three courses. Mr. Maurer feels there has to be a better way to cut down on pollutants, and is asking the Township not to award the contract until there is dialogue about how to reduce these pollutants from entering our streams. There are many ways to reduce pollutants; there is an approved list provided by Rutgers to minimize the impact of the pollutants. Mr. Maurer would like to get someone from Rutgers to come talk to the Township Council and the Environmental Commission would send a letter to support him. Examples of model contracts would not cost more money. The EC is concerned and would like to see an analysis on the water in the streams to see what is being used. There are also other areas in the township where pesticides are being used by the DPW. Alternate Mary Johnson is concerned with why we are not using organic pesticides and Member Norm Colten stated they are less effective. Friends of Deal Lake are checking with other area golf course to see how they are managing pollutants and their runoff. The EC is planning to send a letter right away to the Township of Ocean regarding this.

Budget:

Chairman Ray Pogwist said it has been proposed.

ANJEC:

Member Fred Brody attended the conference and returned with many brochures on site plans, soil, and Sustainable NJ. Fred also had information regarding how to obtain grants from ANJEC. The EC would like to implement Sustainable NJ thru the schools but they are having a hard time getting that accomplished. Jennifer Coffey gave awards and grants for projects such as environmental resource inventory. The Township of Ocean is overdue to have this type of study done. EC is wondering where the money would come from for the inventory.

Items for update:

Member Ken Lutz is suggesting a Tree Photo contest. He feels this will make more people aware of the trees around them. The Environmental Commission would ask the Township Council to be the judges. The EC would like to get the library involved and possibly hang the pictures up there for residents to view. The EC would maybe recognize the winning photo in next year’s calendar and also ask area merchants to donate prizes.

CHAIR'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Plan Review –Seaview development

Planning Board Update – None

Concerns – Township Ordinance regarding LED lighting

Comments –

Budget – None

This meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dorony,

Secretary