

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION- TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

**October 6, 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) , Lutz, Amellio, Colten  
Alternate(s) Johnson  
Associate(s)

**Absent:**

Chairman Pogwist  
Member(s) Von Gerichten, Guadette, Brody  
Alternate(s) Rogoff  
Associate(s) Gulick, Grove

**Others:**

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

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

Member Ken Lutz 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 September 1, 2016 minutes was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Norman Colten

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Green Living Talks**

The 3rd session of the four scheduled Green Living Talks was about Deer Management. There were 21 people in attendance; the library can hold up to 25. The

discussion was about the deer natural habits, and how the environment has changed. There was also information about how suburban areas are flowers and shrubs that attract the deer. Deer in these areas do not have any predators. These talks have been sponsored by the Environmental Commission and hosted by the Township Library. Adrienne Becker has been very helpful in getting the word out about these sessions. There was a signup sheet passed around inquiring how people found out about the meeting and their e-mail information. The fourth session will be from NJNG, it will be a program set up like a game show. It will inform residents on how to save money on energy costs. Anyone who has any ideas on new topics can e-mail Mary Johnson.

### **ANJEC Congress**

Member Ken Lutz explained that the ANJEC Conference that was held September 30<sup>th</sup> is an annual conference that provides core training for Environmental Commissions across the State. Member Fred Brody was in attendance; however, was absent from the meeting and therefore this topic was tabled for next meeting.

### **Pet Spa**

There is a business looking to take over the old racquetball club on Highway 35. They are considering making it into a Pet Spa. It will have a dog area in the back to walk the dogs and install artificial grass to provide a place for the dogs to “go”. Members were curious as to why not have real grass and plant more trees in that area.

### **Pats Garage**

On the corner of Monmouth and Roosevelt (old Getty) there is a garage in the C-1 Zone and it is a non conforming use. It was grandfathered in when it was a Gas Station. A repair shop is not allowed in a C-1 Zone. Plans are being reviewed. The Environmental Commission is suggesting a butterfly garden in the back of the building.

### **ITEMS FOR UPDATES:**

#### **CHAIR’S FOOD FOR THOUGHT:**

**Plan Review** –None

**Planning Board Update** – None

**Concerns** – None

**Comments** – Mary interested in adding to the Green Fair at the Township Library. She is interested in having more groups to grow this event. For example talk about the Community Garden – encourage people to grow food and donate food to the food bank.

**Budget** – None

This meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dorony,

Secretary