

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION– TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

September 1, 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, Lutz, Brody  
Alternate(s) Johnson  
Associate(s)

**Absent:** Member(s) Amellio, Colten, Guadette  
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:**

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 June 7, 2016 minutes was made by Stephen Gaudette and seconded by Laurel Von Gerichten.

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**HYDROLOGICAL REPORT FOR TOLL BROTHERS DEVELOPMENT**

Marianne Wilensky provided information regarding the stormwater run off. Chairman Ray Pogwist feels there needs to be a further review of the information given. The run-off should infiltrate not impact. Is there a way the Environmental

Commission can look at remedies to plant trees? Is it possible to use water retention or sand sediment filtrations? Ray suggested that Environmental Commission members attend a Planning bBoard meeting but no more than three members can go, so it is not a quorum. Maybe some questions could be answered.

### **SIERRA CLUB CONSERVATIVE CHAIR REQUEST**

Chairman Ray Pogwist is considering a position with The Sierra Club and Mayor Chris Siciliano thought it would benefit the town. However, Andrew Brannen thinks it might be a conflict with the Environmental Commission. Ray asked Member Renee Amellio if she could Co-chair. She probably can't. Ray asked if anyone else could. Member Fred Brody felt a job description would help Andrew's thoughts on conflict. Jack and Ken feel both positions would enhance our township.

### **DALLAS' GROVE now accepted**

Dallas Grove was a member of the Environmental Commission for 40 years. To honor her the Environmental Commission plans to locate an area in Palaia Park, and plant 4 trees – one for each decade of her service. There will also be a plaque with information regarding her years of service. Member Laurel Von Gerichten stated there is a location by the bridge. It should be simple for people to enjoy.

### **TREE CANOPY**

There is a de-grade of the canopy. The Environmental Commission would like to be above 40% .We are at 35%. The town needs to help plant more trees. The Environmental Commission is interested in planting trees along the streets but Community Development does not permit this because of cable issues, there is an ordinance regarding this. The Environmental Commission is trying to speak to Mayor Siciliano to revisit and target areas that need planting.

### **ITEMS FOR UPDATES:**

#### **Sustainable Jersey – Renee**

Denise Buckley is obtaining her certification; this will enable grants regarding Whalepond Brook.

#### **Green Living Talks at the Library– Mary**

Mary Johnson feels this is going well, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting had 7 people, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting had 20.

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

#### **Signage for Animal Crossings & Reducing Speed Limits**

Spoke to Mayor Chris Siciliano regarding this. Next DPW. This would make drivers more aware of animals crossing. This would include all wildlife.

#### **Plan Review** –None

**Planning Board Update** – None

**Concerns** – None

**Comments** – None

**Budget** – None

This meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dorony,

Secretary