

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

NOVEMBER 7, 2013

OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY

The Regular Meeting was held in the Manager's Conference room, Town Hall, 399 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755 beginning at 8:20 p.m.

Present: Chairman Pogwist
Member(s) Von Gerichten, Colten, Brody, Gaudette, Amellio
Alternate(s) None

Absent: Member(s) Lutz
Alternate(s) Rogoff, Theodora
Associate(s) Gulick, Grove

Others: Amanda Norakus, Secretary
Mary Johnson, Resident
Dave Stroebel, Resident

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 7, 2013.

A motion to adopt the October 3, 2013 minutes with corrections was made by Fred Brody and seconded by Laurel Von Gerichten.

In Favor: Von Gerichten, Colten, Brody, Gaudette, Amellio
Opposed: None
Ineligible: None
Absent: Lutz, Rogoff, Gulick, Grove, Theodora

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Applewood Development

The Environmental Commission will monitor this development.

Wetlands

Laurel Von Gerichten spoke with a consultant who stated the area at 1008 Grove Avenue qualifies to be filled in by DEP standards. Concerns were shared among members that the township be more sensitive and proactive with areas deemed as wetland. The elimination of this wetland with development so close to Harvey's Brook will increase storm water runoff and add to Deal Lake's flooding issues. NJDEP is in the process of evaluating this case.

ANJEC Road Show

Comments were shared to host an ANJEC Road show regarding storm water runoff. Fred Brody shared his opinion to be more proactive in working with the township in order to diminish adversity. The road show could benefit by pulling together a Watershed group of the five towns that touch the brook.

Fred Brody visited the Whalepond Brook with Bob and Faith, both involved with Environment Protection and Tinton Falls Environmental Commission. The area they observed was near Cindy Lane behind the Blue Swan Diner. They felt storm water runoff was creating an issue in this portion of the brook. They observed the need for the coverts to be cleaned.

Storm Water Questionnaire

A questionnaire regarding storm water runoff on new developments was circulated and discussed. Members discussed the need for every developer to address each line item on the questionnaire. Comments were shared regarding other towns being held liable for developers not meeting these requirements.

ITEMS FOR UPDATE:

Budget

There were no updates on the 2014 budget.

Sustainable Jersey

Renee Amellio updated the members on Sustainable Jersey. Towns that were granted the bronze category are grandfathered into the program for three years. We have met the point requirements; therefore, Renee will continue to work on developing a comprehensive list of where the points were earned, descriptions of the programs, and what is still needed.

Site Review

A plan review was conducted of the Land Rover site. Members shared their opinion that an underground retention pond should be developed. In addition, large portions of green areas are to be removed, diminishing the aesthetically pleasing look of the site. In addition, the Acura site construction was discussed. Comments were shared regarding the underground water collection system at the site.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Norakus
Secretary