

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

May 2, 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 8:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Pogwist
Member(s) Von Gerichten, Amellio, Colten, Gaudette, Brody,
Lutz
Alternate Theodora

Absent: Alternate Rogoff
Associate(s) Grove, Gulick

Others: Amanda Norakus, Secretary
David Lipkin
Faith Teitelbaum

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 25, 2012.

A motion to adopt the April 4, 2013 minutes was made by Norman Colten and seconded by Ray Pogwist.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Posting minutes and agenda to website

The agenda and minutes will be posted to the township website in the requested format.

Whalepond Brook Watershed Association

Faith Teitelbaum, director of Whalepond Brook Watershed Association, presented on the issue of flooding. She presented the increased amount of development has lead to rain run off pouring heavily and quickly into the brook. This increase has caused a substantial issue of wide spread flooding.

A suggestion Faith presented was to initiate the usage of catch basins in order to diminish the stress on the brook. In addition, the usage of rain gardens by commercial buildings would lessen the water run off from impervious coverage.

The county will be doing a study on how much flow the brook can handle versus how much flow it is currently handling.

Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens in New Development

The commission discussed their opinions in regards to the pros and cons of both rain barrels and rain gardens. The commission would like to encourage new developments to use these resources to diminish runoff.

Tree Ordinance No. 2202

Ray Pogwist stated the Environmental Commission accepts the changes in the revised tree ordinance because statistically the majority of applications for tree removal were for one to two trees. There were few issues regarding clear cutting.

Earth Day – Summary

The members who attended the Earth Day festival reported a commendable turn out. In regards to alterations, it was suggested next year to include more kid friendly activities due to the strong interest in that area.

Brendan Gifford – Eagle Scout Project

Brendan reported he has met with Ken Lutz in order to collect information about Palaia Park. He stated he learned numerous key facts, which he will be including on the map. He stated each area on the map that is numbered will coordinate with a description of historical facts. He will include annual events and park improvements as well. The sign should be erected by June, near the parking lot on the festival grounds. He stated he has raised \$950.00 to his project and is continuing fundraising in order to reach \$1,500.00.

Municipalities Magazine Crawford, New Jersey

The commission discussed that the magazine is actively making suggestions to the public on environmental issues, storm water management, and educating the public.

Planning Board Update:

Reviews were completed on minor subdivision Norwood and Maplewood.

Concerns:

David Lipkin addressed the commission with his concern of tree removal within Hidden Meadows development. His concern stemmed from tree removal occurring without a permit. Ray Pogwist referred to the ordinance and stated a permit is not required. The ordinance states a permit is not required because the trees being removed are a result of a development application that has been approved by the Township of Ocean Planning Board and/or Zoning Board of Adjustment. The commission stated they would stay involved with this topic and proceed to gather more information.

Comments:

None

Seeing there were no additional comments, a motion to adjourn was made by Ray Pogwist; it was seconded by Norman Colten. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Norakus
Secretary