

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

JULY 11, 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, Colten, Brody, Gaudette, Lutz

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

Others: Amanda Norakus, Secretary

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 June 6, 2013 minutes was made by Fred Brody and seconded by Laurel Von Gerichten.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

2013 – 2014 Meeting Dates

The members finalized meeting dates for the upcoming year. Secretary, Amanda Norakus, has satisfied the necessary requirements by filing the list with the Township Clerk, posted in Town Hall, and sent the notice to Asbury Park Press and The Coaster.

A motion to adopt the following 2013 – 2014 meeting dates was made by Ray Pogwist and seconded by Laurel Von Gerichten.

July 11, 2013	January 2, 2014
August 1, 2013	February 6, 2014
September 12, 2013	March 6, 2014
October 3, 2013	April 3, 2014
November 7, 2013	May 1, 2014
December 5, 2013	June 12, 2014

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Newspaper advertisement for Environmental Commission / Shade Tree Commission

The members discussed advertisement methods such as posting ads in the newspaper in order to get the message out to the community about the EC / ST, what topics are being focused on, and upcoming events. The members discussed having a table at the Fall Fest, which will be September 21, 2013 at Palaia Park.

Sky Watch

Ray Pogwist will reach out to Marc Rogoff for a confirmed date on Sky Watch.

Sustainable Jersey Recertification

Renee Amellio is working on organizing all of the achieved points in order to reach the necessary 150 points.

Deal Lake Concerns

Members discussed their concerns with the Deal Lake Commission.

Anjec Update

Fred Brody is conversing with Anjec to gain information for the EC. Anjec provided tips such as:

- How the EC can join forces with town personnel to increase productivity
- Attainable projects based on the skill sets of the members and number of members

- Partnering with other existing groups such as OEM
- Producing a website for constant updates
- Encouraging projects that have little to no cost to the town
- Road shows

Residential Tree Planting Program

The township manager will review with council during the next work shop how the Shade Tree Fund can be spent. They will present whether or not the fund can be used for replanting on private property. Members of the EC will be present in order to state the opinion that there is not much room for shade tree street trees to be planted in the right of way. Therefore, the shade tree fund should be permitted to be used for shade trees on residential property.

Heritage Village

Members discussed their opinions in regard to flooding, changes to traffic, and public notices.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Norakus
Secretary