

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

June 12, 2014

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, Gaudette, Amellio, Brody
Associate(s) Johnson, Natanagara, Strobel

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

Others: Kate Maloney, 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 May 1 minutes was made by Ray Pogwist and seconded by Renee Amellio.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

ITEMS FOR UPDATE:

Green Fair

Ray Pogwist announced that this year's Green Fair would be held in the township library on Saturday, June 14. Member, Renee Amellio stated that she would be playing the role of "Energy Hog"; a children's presentation, to teach young

children how to be more energy efficient. Laurel Von Gerichten explained that she would be discussing the new Butterfly Garden at the Fair as well.

Sustainable Jersey

Renee Amellio explained that the Environmental Commission was able to make the deadline for the submission of the application. A 270 point plan was submitted with the application; the requirement is only 150 points. Most of the action points need to be revised or omitted if not applicable to the township. Amellio stated that the township's application was 100th out of 106.

Butterfly Garden

Laurel Von Gerichten discussed the update for the Butterfly Garden and stated that it was planted June 3rd. Volunteers from the High School Garden Club were able to plant 300 plugs from the New Moon Nursery. The plant types were chosen and paid for by club members. Von Gerichten hopes to get volunteers from the Science Club as well for weeding and watering.

Duke Farms

Ray Pogwist discussed his recent trip to Duke Farms. He explained that it is a premiere sustainable learning institute. It is a community farm with roughly 270 acres. This location has many different elevations of ponds and it is known for its research on Hydro-Electric energy.

Whale Pond Brook Watershed

Fred Brody discussed the progression of the Whale Pond Brook Watershed. He explained that during the April 4th meeting, the 32 year Master Plan was to be revised and once adopted would be a 10 year process. They are hoping to have it completed by the end of this year.

Plan Review –

Woodland Family Farm

Ray Pogwist updated the members on this site plain; voicing his concerns about soil distribution in close proximity to Harvey Brook. However, he explained that construction was no longer going to be on the wetlands and he was happy to see reforestation as opposed to clear cutting.

2112 Highway 35: Dunkin' Donuts

Ray Pogwist explained that the Dunkin Donuts on Route 35 is proposing the construction of a drive thru window. He was concerned that the drive thru construction would cause not only traffic issues, but additional flooding issues as

well. According to the plans, they wish to extend the parking lot, however this would mean the cutting down of trees and removal of grass.

Planning Board Update – None

Concerns – None

Comments – None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Maloney
Secretary