

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

FEBRUARY 6, 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, Lutz, Brody, Colten, Amellio

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

Others: Amanda Norakus, Secretary
Mary Johnson, Resident
Gillian Natanagara, 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 January 16, 2014 minutes with corrections was made by Fred Brody and seconded by Laurel Von Gerichten.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

ANJEC Dues

The members discussed plans to renew ANJEC dues with updated names and positions. Ken Lutz made a motion to allocate \$525.00 for fifteen people and to include the ANJEC workshop plan.

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

ITEMS FOR UPDATE:

Meeting with Township Manager

The Deal Lake Project was discussed. Long Branch is involved with the National Fish and Wildlife grant. The Township of Ocean will follow Long Branch's lead and become involved with the grant. It will focus on small rehabilitation projects. For example, the project would look to repair a non-operating dam instead of completely replacing the dam.

1008 Grove Ave – Wetlands

Ray Pogwist has been in contact with the case manager at DEP. The case is still ongoing and a soil sample is to occur.

ANJEC Workshop Meeting

Members discussed final details regarding the stormwater workshop meeting. Secretary, Amanda Norakus, will handle purchasing index cards, name tags (including name, town, and position), and pens.

Butterfly Garden

Gillian Natanagara updated the members regarding a potential butterfly garden at the township library. She shared comments of creating a seating area with a garden of milkweed off to the side to attract Monarch butterflies. Also, the local schools could contribute through the art programs by displaying various ceramics that have been created. Therefore, the area would appeal to a wide variety of people.

Earth Day Fair

The members discussed what would be a part of the Earth Day Fair for this year. The members would like to include topics such as organic food and organic cooking.

Plan Review – None

Planning Board Update – None

Concerns – None

Comments – Ray Pogwist expressed his gratitude for the help and contributions from the town regarding the stormwater workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Norakus
Secretary