

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

May 1, 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, Lutz, Amellio
Associate(s) Johnson, Natanagara, Strobel

Absent: Member(s) Brody
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 April 4 minutes was made by Mary Johnson and seconded by Laurel Von Gerichten.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Meeting Dates

Kate Maloney; secretary, proposed new meeting dates for the upcoming year. The members agreed on the following dates:

July 10 th 2014	January 8 th 2015
August 7 th 2014	February 5 th 2015
September 4 th 2014	March 5 th 2015
October 2 nd 2014	April 2 nd 2015

November 6th 2014

May 7th 2015

December 4th 2014

June 4th 2015

The dates will be posted on the township's website when approved. If any scheduling conflicts occur, dates may be changed.

Ocean Twp Ban on Fracking & Storage of Fracking Waste

Mary Johnson addressed the issue of fracking and the storage of fracking waste. She explained the harmful results of the procedure such as the chemicals being released into the ground and water supply. The members agreed that this issue is more of a state matter as opposed to one for the township. However, they agreed that Johnson should obtain more information and more hard evidence about fracking in order to discuss it further.

ITEMS FOR UPDATE:

Green Fair

According to Ray Pogwist, the Earth Day Fair is set for June 14th in the township Library. The event will be family friendly as well as informative. Pogwist explained that he hopes to have handouts and informational packets from organizations such as local farmer's markets and community gardens as well as from the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) group. Ray Pogwist also hopes to have a local bicycle mechanic present to show kids how to take care of their bicycles in order to have a more environmental friendly means of transportation.

Butterfly Garden

Renee Amellio explained that the township Butterfly Garden was not awarded the grant. Laurel Von Gerichten explained that the Garden Club will donate \$1000 to the project and also discussed possible resources in the budget. Jillian Natanagara addressed the involvement of the Science Club and inquired about the types of plants needed and the location of planting them.

Sustainable Jersey

Ray Pogwist explained that it is still ongoing.

1008 Grove Ave – Wetlands

Ray Pogwist addressed the wetland issue at this location. He explained that a core sample was taken of the hydric soil from under the roadway and the Department of Environmental Protection (D.E.P.) determined that it was partial wetlands. Pogwist asked the members if an advisory letter should be sent out and if a status update should be attached. The members agreed to revisit the issue at a later date due to time.

Tree Giveaway at BJ's Update

Ray Pogwist announced that the April 5th tree giveaway went very well and that all 2500 seedlings were taken. The Garden Club was also there to help with the giveaway.

Whale Pond Brook Watershed Management

Ray Pogwist explained that an article about the Whale Pond Brook Watershed Management and its progress was featured on the wordontheshore.com website.

Deer

Ray Pogwist brought up the issue of deer in the township. He explained that he will ask the Police Department for an updated statistic of deer related accidents in the township. He also addressed the deer survey on the township website and advised members to fill it out.

Plan Review – None

Planning Board Update – None

Concerns –

Erosion issues / silt fences: Ray Pogwist addressed the issue of silt fences not being properly put up or restored on construction sites. The poorly constructed/failed fences allow sediment to migrate and cause siltation in the waterways. This leads to residential flooding.

Urban Sprawl: Ray Pogwist also addressed the issue of urban sprawl in Ocean twp and related it to the Martelli Site and Applewood Site.

Comments – None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Maloney
Secretary