

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

**October 2, 2014**

**OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY**

The Regular Meeting was held in the Turner House Conference Room, Township Library, 701 Deal Road, Ocean Twp, NJ 07712 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

**Present:** Chairman Pogwist  
Member(s) Von Gerichten, Colten, Amellio, Brody, Lutz  
Alternate(s) Theodora  
Associate(s) Stroebel, Natanagara

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

**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 July 10 minutes was made by Ray Pogwist and seconded by Laurel Von Gerichten.

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Red Bank Rain Barrel Event**

Ray Pogwist began the meeting discussing the Red Bank Rain Barrel event that took place on September 27<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the event showed about 10 residences scattered throughout the town and was very informative. At the end of the tour, there was a demonstration on how to make a rain barrel and they showed 5 different types of rain barrels.

## **Environmental Budget-2015**

Members discussed the proposed budget for next year. The following was decided:

ANJEC: \$700  
Nature Walks: \$200  
Community Outreach: \$1,500  
Earth Day Fair: \$200

Ray Pogwist made a motion to accept the proposed budget.

All members: Von Gerichten, Colten, Amellio, Brody, Lutz, Theodora agreed.

## **Waivers on Tree Counts for Planning Board Site Review Checklists**

Chairman Pogwist discussed his meeting he had with the Township Manager and Director of Community Development. He explained to members that in this meeting he learned that the township engineer can waive the tree preservation plan during the on site inspection of the property. He used the following example to explain to members: at a particular property 100 trees can be taken down at a \$350 donation per tree to the Shade Tree Fund. If this is waived, the town misses out on a \$35,000 donation to the Shade Tree fund. Member, Norman Colten, suggested that members should meet with township officials and discuss how the decision to waive the tree preservation plan is decided and if it is the best move for the township.

## **Shade Tree Fund Account Review**

Members reviewed the Shade Tree account from 2009-2014. Chairman Pogwist explained that the figures for the 'outflows' showed the amount spent on planting trees within the township and the figures for the 'inflows' showed the money taken in for tree donations. He pointed out that the balance for the inflows are much greater than the balance of outflows.

## **Dam on Harvey's Brook**

Ray Pogwist explained to members that there was a dam previously constructed to alleviate flooding in that area and there is a possibility of rebuilding it today. However, he expressed concern to members about the possibility of flooding upstream if the dam was to be constructed.

## **1008 Grove Ave**

Chairman Pogwist explained to members that the Department of Environmental Protection is now in touch with the Environmental Protection Agency in regards to the wetland issue on this property. He explained that the E.P.A. will determine if the wetlands will be disturbed by future construction.

## **Future of Ocean Twp. With Ongoing Development**

Members discussed the impact that current and future developments will have on the township. Chairman Pogwist used current examples of large developments being built throughout the township to explain to members that with these large developments comes a negative impact on the township environment.

#### ITEMS FOR UPDATE:

##### **Sustainable Jersey**

Renee Amellio updated the members on the status of the application. She stated that throughout the application process, there are 3 separate deadlines for additional information to be submitted to the application. The first two deadlines allows each applicant to receive feedback on the information they provided and see what is missing and what needs to be improved. The third and final deadline does not allow feedback. Unfortunately, the township has missed the first and second deadline, and will have to submit everything they have at the third deadline. The approval of the application is unknown as of now and Amellio is unsure if the grant will be renewed.

##### **Eagle Scout Project-Noah Lipton**

Ray Pogwist discussed the progress of the Eagle Scout Project. He explained that Noah Lipton, along with other Eagle Scouts, is now working with the Whale Pond Brook Association. They will be putting up signs around the township to designate watershed areas.

##### **Plan Review** –

Heritage Village: Ray Pogwist discussed the progression of the Heritage Village project proposed for 777 West Park Ave. He expressed concerns to the members about future heavy traffic occurrences around the development. He explained to members that he would meet with township officials to retrieve any data on studies done about the flow of traffic in this area. He also expressed concern about the ongoing flooding issue in that area as well as surrounding areas and how this development might negatively impact the neighboring communities.

##### **Planning Board Update** – None

##### **Concerns** – None

##### **Comments** – None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Maloney  
Secretary