

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

December 3, 2015

OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY

The Regular Meeting was held in the Second Floor, West Wing Conference Room, Town Hall, 399 Monmouth Road Oakhurst, NJ 07755 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Pogwist
Member(s) Amellio, Gaudette, Brody, Colten, Lutz
Alternate(s)
Associate(s) Johnson, Stroebel

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

Others: Kate Maloney, Secretary
Kirsten Kristensen, Resident
Jack Kearns, Resident
Edward Difulgia, 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 8, 2015.

A motion to adopt the November 5, 2015 minutes was made by Stephen Gaudette and seconded by Norman Colten.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Toll Brother's Development – Follow Up

Members followed up on the proposed development by West Park Avenue and Green Grove Road of 75 new homes. Member Norman Colten reviewed the plans explaining that the development is to be on 25.02 acres; 18.143 acres are

wooded with about 109 trees per acre and 6.884 non-wooded acres with about 20 trees per acre. The total tree count for removal is 2,115. Chairman Pogwist suggested that the Commission, in their review, request a \$350 donation for each tree to be removed for the Shade Tree Fund. Member Ken Lutz explained that the developer would most likely have a tree replacement plan which would need to be factored in before any donations are requested.

Recycling – Info Commercial on Ocean 66

Chairman Pogwist stated that Ocean 66 will be showing a informational commercial on Terracycling and a no waste lifestyle. He and resident Kirsten Kristensen will create the dialogue for the commercial which will detail how to get involved in the program as well as the benefits for both the environment and the residents who choose to participate.

Holiday Party

Members discussed the possibility of having a Commission Holiday Party before the end of the month. They all agreed that it will be held on December 17th at local restaurant, Babur Gardens. The party will start at 6 pm and spouses and friends are welcome.

ITEMS FOR UPDATES:

Gillian's Trail

Chairman Pogwist explained to members that the trail that associate Gillian Natanagara has been working on over the last few months is nearly complete. Member Renee Amellio suggested that the Commission honor her at the grand opening and possibly name the trail after her. Chairman Pogwist agreed and informed members that if they would be interested in attending the ribbon cutting ceremony to contact him.

Herbicide Use in Township Parks

Ray Pogwist explained to members that he will be revisiting this issue with the Township and will send out an advisory letter as well.

Pollinator Gardens – near White House

Pogwist informed the Commission that this was still being looked into. Resident Maggie Boyce met with the Director of Public Works and received the tax map and aerial view of the open field on Monmouth Road to assist her in her plans for the proposed meadow.

ANJEC Congress Oct 9

Member Fred Brody discussed with members the ANJEC Congress that took place on October 9th in Atlantic City. He explained that the Congress was very

informative and had great ideas for community participation. He also advised that all the presentations that took place are now on the ANJEC website.

Anti-Idling

Member Renee Amellio explained that she is still working on the Anti-Idling campaign and will look to meet with the Township Manager before the next meeting.

“This Changes Everything”

Member Mary Johnson explained to members that she is still looking to set a date for the presentation and discussion on the book “This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. The Climate” by Naomi Klein. The dates she suggested were February 9th or 16th. Resident Kirsten Kristensen suggested that the event have a showing of a video on the topic of climate change that could shed some light on the issue.

1008 Grove Ave

Chairman Pogwist informed the Commission that this issue has finally been resolved by the state. It took over 2 years to come to the decision that the owner of the property can build on the lot.

CHAIR’S FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Plan Review –None

Planning Board Update – None

Concerns – None

Comments – None

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Maloney

Secretary