

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

**February 5, 2015**

**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) Colten, Amellio, Gaudette, Lutz, Brody  
Alternate(s) Theodora  
Associate(s) Stroebel, Johnson, Natanagara

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

**Others:** Kate Maloney, Secretary  
Jack Kearns, Resident  
Edward DiFiglia, 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 May 2, 2014.

A motion to adopt the January 8, 2014 minutes was made by Ken Lutz and seconded by Stephen Gaudette.

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**ANJEC Dues**

Members discussed rejoining the Assoc. of New Jersey Environmental Commissions for 2015. Chairman Pogwist explained the dues would amount to \$550; \$290 for the 7 members, \$150 for the 7 additional alternates and associates,

\$50 to add both the new Mayor and the Township Manager as associates, and \$60 for workshops.

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

### **Environmental Commission Training**

Chairman Pogwist brought up the EC Training seminars that are scheduled to take place March 7<sup>th</sup> in Haddon Township, March 21<sup>st</sup> in Pennington, and March 28<sup>th</sup> in Roseland. Members discussed the training seminars and associate, Mary Johnson expressed interest in attending.

### **Sharing the Recycling Center**

Members discussed the Township Recycling Center located on Sunset Avenue in Wanamassa. Member Renee Amellio explained that residents can discard bulk materials such as metal, electronics, construction debris, etc at this location. Associate, Mary Johnson inquired if hazardous materials could also be disposed of there, but Ray Pogwist informed members that the center will not accept hazardous materials. He explained that the County Facility on Shafto Road in Tinton Falls does take in hazardous materials for disposal. Chairman Pogwist discussed with members that the Town hopes to share Recycling Center with adjoining towns such as Allenhurst, Interlaken, Loch Arbour, and Deal.

### **Township Tree Sale**

Ray Pogwist detailed the Shade Tree's new plan for a Tree Sale in the township. He stated that the sale was to occur on April 18<sup>th</sup> for Earth Day and would allow township residents to purchase container trees to plant on their properties. Member Amellio suggested that the sale collaborate with the Environmental Commission's Green Day Fair at the township Library. Pogwist stated that this might be a possibility and would work well if the sale was to move to the Groundhog Field next to the Library.

### **Meeting with the Mayor**

Ray Pogwist explained to the members that he met with the new Mayor during his new sessions dubbed "Coffee with the Mayor." He explained that he received positive feedback from the Mayor to many of his concerns. He explained that he was concerned the Environmental Commission's comments on site reviews were not being included in the review packets for the members for the meetings and what was being incorporated is what the engineer or land use planner interpreted from the EC's site reviews. He showed letters of support from ANJEC and NJ

Planning Officials on the EC's recommendations. He was also concerned that the members of each board were not getting the review packets in a timely manner and explained that the time would be needed in order to make a sound and informed decision. Pogwist stated to members that he will be writing an advisory letter to the Township as well as the Mayor and Council.

#### ITEMS FOR UPDATE:

#### **Council Liaison**

Chairman Pogwist explained to members that the 5 year relationship with the Liaison was not working out and had little communication with the Commission. He stated that when he met with the new Mayor and expressed his concern, the Mayor was willing to take over the responsibilities and would now be the contact person for the Commission.

#### **504 Runyan Ave – possible tree ordinance violation**

Ray Pogwist explained that he discussed the issue of tree removal at this location with the new Mayor. He explained that the Mayor will be looking into it and contacting the appropriate channels.

#### **1008 Grove Ave**

Pogwist stated that this property was still being reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency. He spoke with the owner of the property who explained that the original plans to build on this property were approved by the Township. Members discussed the possibility of reviewing resident purchases of township land in order to avoid situations like this in the future.

#### **Anti-Idling Education**

Member Renee Amellio explained to members that brainstorming for ideas about enforcing anti-idling legislation and promoting education was ongoing.

#### **Planning Board Update** – None

#### **Concerns** – None

#### **Comments** – None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Maloney  
Secretary

