

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

**January 10, 2019**

**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 Brody  
Member(s) Colten, Davenport, Gaudette  
Alternate(s) Mamiye  
Associate(s) DiFiglia

**Absent:** Member(s) Johnson, Brannen, Lutz  
Alternate(s)  
Associate(s) Rogoff, Gulick, Crosta, Grove

**Others:** Kate Maloney, Secretary

**Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Law:**

Fred Brody 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 July 21.

A motion to adopt the December 6, 2018 minutes was made by Norman Colten and seconded by Michael Davenport.

In Favor: Brody, Colten, Davenport  
Opposed: None  
Ineligible: Gaudette, Mamiye  
Absent: Rogoff, Gulick, Crosta, DiFiglia, Grove, Johnson, Brannen, Lutz

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Status of ERI**

Guest speaker, Debbie Krazter, presented her interim report to the Commission and interested members of the community. Member Michael Davenport quickly explained that the Commission was awarded a \$20,000 Grant from Sustainable Jersey to create the Township's Environmental Resource

Inventory. The completion of the ERI will give the Township an additional 20 points towards their Sustainable Jersey Re-certification. Debbie Krazter, an environmental consultant, was awarded the bid to compile the information needed to complete the ERI. Ms. Krazter explained that she has had over 30 years of environmental experience and over 20 years as an environmental consultant. She stated that the ERI is a living document and an objective listing of all natural and environmental resources in town. It uses mapped data from sources such as the NJDEP, FEMA and other state resources as well as local watersheds information, community forestry management plans, pedestrian & bicycle network plans, etc. She reviewed the time frame for the ERI which includes this interim report, a completed draft of the document that will be submitted in April, a review and feedback by the Commission and Township Boards that will be submitted in May, and a final draft that will be submitted in July. Audience members questioned if the draft can be reviewed by Township residents. Chairman Fred Brody explained that it could be possible for the Town to post the PDF version of the document on the Township website and request feedback from the residents. Secretary Kate Maloney stated she will contact the Township Manager to request the draft version of the ERI be uploaded to the website once available. Member Norman Colten advised that the feedback will need to be factual information that may have been left out of the document and not opinions about the Township's current environmental inventory. Ms. Krazter continued to explain that the final version of the ERI will be presented to the Planning Board to vote to have Town Council include the document into the Master Plan. This document can then be used as an educational tool for the governing body and will be beneficial in maintaining and preserving the Township's environment.

### **Deal Lake Watershed Alliance**

Resident Laura McBride explained to the Commission that the Deal Lake Watershed Alliance was formed last year and is a community based organization that aims to help with storm water management concerns. She informed members that they will be meeting with Rutgers Associate Chris Obropta to review a feasibility study for Deal Lake. She hopes that by Spring they will have new projects to help with storm water and water runoff. Once these projects are in place, she will reach out to the Commission for volunteers to help.

### **Planning Board Chairman Comments**

Planning Board Chairman, John Verrilli, stated he is welcome to the idea of implementing stronger rulings on tree removal and tree replacement plans when it comes to Planning Board applications. He stated stronger rulings should also be implemented with the Zoning Board of Adjustment as well as residential projects. He went on to suggest that the EC reports for Board applications be submitted more in advance so Board members can evaluate and make a more informed determination.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Liaison with Township Mayor**

Due to member Mary Johnson's absence, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**Community Garden**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**Sustainable Jersey Certification Update - Jack**

Alternate Jack Mamiye presented proposed draft documents to the Commission. The drafts included a green checklist for Board applications, an ordinance for green building standards, and a solar-friendly energy systems ordinance. Commission members will review the documents and discuss at next month's meeting.

**EC Website**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**Forest Management Plan**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**Rain Garden at Township Tennis Center**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**Pledge Supporting NJ Wildlife Action Plan**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**Tree Ordinance Review & Next Steps**

Due to member Ken Lutz's absence, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**Plastic Bag Update**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**Green Team**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**Sustainable Jersey Recertification Sub-Committee**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**2019 Greenfest**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**DEP Stormwater Management / Green Infrastructure Program – 5 Towns**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**EC Story Map – Mike**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**Bio-Blitz – Mike**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**EC Workshop**

Chairman Fred Brody suggested that the Commission schedule a workshop meeting to discuss the statuses of ongoing projects. Secretary Kate Maloney will look to see if the West Wing Conference room will be available next Thursday,

January 17. If it is, an email will be sent to all members altering them to the workshop meeting.

**Topics for Discussion, Presentation**

Due to time, this topic was tabled for next month's meeting.

**Plan Review Committee**– None

**Planning Board Report**– None

**Committee Leader Remarks** – None

**Attendee Remarks** – None

**Public Comments** – None

**Remarks for the Good of the Order** – None

This meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Maloney

Secretary