

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF

APRIL 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Nardone. He announced that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Present: Pat Smith, Julie Gandy, Ken McGill, Dale Schweitzer, John Nardone, and Amy Wright via phone. Absent Jim D'Ambrosio. Also in attendance Mayor Ron Sutton, Committeemen Fletcher Jamison and Mike Vizzard.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of January 10, 2017, motion by Ken seconded by Pat to approve. Motion approved.

Motion to approve minutes of March 14, 2017 by Ken seconded by Dale. Pat made the following correction she spoke with "Lawrence Township not Florence Township". Motion approved as corrected.

SJ Gas Presentation by Representative T.J. Fontana

Mr. Fontana gave a brief slide presentation describing the cost saving energy program for residential and commercial properties. Residential customers can request an equipment upgrade or whole house upgrade. Commercial customers have one of two financing programs to choose from: the SmartStart or the Pay for Performance program. Most projects can be started with no money out of pocket. Rebates may be available. Must use a South Jersey Gas participating contractor that may be found online at NJCleanEnergy.com.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANJEC: Julie reported she presented "Conservation Easements" at the course "Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions" on Saturday, April 1 at the Atlantic County Utilities Authority in Egg Harbor Township. About 30 people attended and received the new *Environmental Commission Handbook*. She handed out copies of the "Table of Contents" to everyone.

On Thursday, April 27 there is a webinar from 12:30 to 1:30 "Lunch n Learn-Green Infrastructure and Stream Daylighting". To register email ANJEC or call 973.539.7547. There is no fee for us since we are on the Workshop Plan.

Sustainable Jersey: Pat reported there is a webinar April 26 from 1 to 2pm on Landscaping and Reducing Stormwater Runoff and on June 21st. There is a Sustainability Summit given by the College of New Jersey, cost is \$35. She also reminded the members of The Eco Fair at Wheaton on May 6 from 10am to 5pm and will need help with set up. Ken will help and has a tent. Also Bay Day is on June 3rd. We should hear about the grant from Sustainable Jersey by

April 30th. Triple Oaks does not use toxic pesticides on their milkweed plants. Neither does Clemson but they are more expensive. Dale recommended that we not plant at Lake Audrey as they do not like sandy soil and need to be planted in large groups. He recommended somewhere like PSE&G lands south of 553. As for volunteers to help with planting: Julie reported she is waiting for a call back from the girl scouts. Amy suggested 4-H groups, and Jim has a contact for boy scouts.

Bags for Bay Day: John reported he bought 300 bags for \$813.11, which leaves a balance of about \$150 in our budget. The bags will be royal blue with our logo on one side and "Partnered with US Silica and Unimin Corporation" on the other side".

NEW BUSINESS:

Received a Letter of Interpretation for block 229 lot 1. Applicant is Lemuel Robbins for wetlands delineation.

Unimin site plan for completion on application this month for Phase 3 block 190 lot 10 and block 200 lots 1 and 17 & 18. And reclamation for Phase 5, 6 & 6A block 200 lots 3,4,5,5.01 & p/o lot 6 and Block 182 lot 1.

Correspondence: None

Motion by Pat seconded by Ken to open the meeting to the public. Seeing no one Ken made a motion to close the public portion seconded by Dale. Motion approved.

Motion by Ken seconded by Dale to adjourn. Motion approved at 8:05pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee
CTEC members