

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

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, Amy Wright, John Nardone, Julie Gandy, Ken McGill, Dale Schwitzer. Absent: Jim D'Ambrosio.

Minutes: Minutes of June 14, 2016, motion by Ken seconded by Pat to approve with the correction under Public comment: Dale...said "the flow in the drainage ditch is too swift for mosquitos" in place of "the drainage ditch is too deep for mosquitos. Motion approved as corrected.

ANJEC: Julie reported the 43rd Annual Environmental Congress "Responding to Climate Change Locally" on Friday, September 30, 2016, 9:00am to 4:30pm at the Conference Center at Mercer County College, West Windsor. Also, "Groundwater Withdrawals are an Environmental Issue" on Thursday, September 22 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at Pilesgrove, Municipal Building.

John reported that in the Summer 2016 issue of the ANJEC REPORT is an article "Partnering for Open Space: Lake Audrey" by Jody Carrera, ANJEC Project Director. Copies will be provided to the Township Committee.

Sustainable Jersey: Pat reported that we had to resubmit our application to include additional information by the beginning of September. Forty points had to be added. The new submission includes 160 points. It will be reviewed and we will be notified when it is approved.

Pat said that she was told that Giordano's may not be taking plastic bags soon. She has a call into the office to follow up. She calculated we recycled 1060 pounds of bags to date. Also, the new Family Success Center will soon open and she will place a plastic bag receptacle there.

John asked Pat to research what projects we can do in order to use Sustainable Jersey funds.

Monofilament Project: John reported he and Dale installed all the receptacles. He requested Dale monitor them and empty them at least once a year, maybe around Thanksgiving. John will research what to do with the fishing line. The main objective is to keep it out of the waterways.

John reported he has received several mailings from Amsterdam, the company that supplied the canvas bags. The commission thought it would be good to order more bags for Bay Day next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Site Plan Application:

John reported we have an application from US Silica for renewal and to extend their operation on the east side of James Moore Road which is to the north east of the apartments. It encompasses several block and lots including Block 214 lots 1, 32, 34, 36. The Engineers letter states several waivers are being requested that he is inclined to recommend approval. Ken said this will be on the LUB agenda on the 28th.

Also, Unimin supplied a plan for reclamation that includes new plantings. Dale asked if other species could be included such as other species of oak, if property is wet then sweet bay and black gum. Ken recommended this be brought up at the public hearing on the 28th.

John talked briefly about the revisions to the Master Plan. Amy will make copies available to the members. We will discuss in detail at the next meeting, as well as goals for 2017.

Public Comment: Motion by Pat seconded by Dale to open the public portion of the meeting. Motion approved. Seeing no one Pat made motion to close the public portion seconded by Dale. Motion approved.

Ken reported that there will be a Bivalve Fishermen & Farmer's Market at Bayshore Discovery Project for 10 Wednesdays starting 9/21 from 3 to 7pm.

Motion by Ken seconded by Dale to adjourn. Motion approved at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

Minutes of September 13, 2016 were approved on _____.

cc: Twp. Committee

CTEC members