

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF

JANUARY 10, 2017

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

Present: Ken McGill, Pat Smith, Dale Schweitzer, John Nardone, Amy Wright and Julie Gandy.
Absent: Jim D'Ambrosio.

Secretary Gandy called for nominations for Chairman. Ken nominated John Nardone, Dale seconded the nomination. Gandy closed the nominations. All present approved.

Chairman Nardone called for nominations for Vice Chair. Julie nominated Pat Smith who graciously declined. John nominated Ken McGill. Julie seconded the nomination. Nardone closed the nominations. All present approved.

Chairman Nardone called for nominations for Secretary. Ken nominated Julie Gandy. Pat seconded the nomination. Nardone closed the nominations. All present approved.

Ken made a motion to hold the Commission meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM, with the Green Team meetings to be held at 6:30PM as needed, seconded by Dale. All present approved.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of December 13, 2016 by Ken seconded by Pat. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANJEC: Julie asked Amy to talk about the Recycling Grant announcement from DEP. Amy reported that the Christie Administration awarded \$14.3 million in state grants to help implement and further enhance recycling efforts in communities. Vineland received \$306,675 and Millville received \$100,503. (See attachment #1 for full report). John asked Pat to talk with Heather to see if and how we can apply for a grant next year. We will discuss this at our Green Team meeting next month.

Sustainable Jersey: Pat reported that the Township Clerk will have a letter for the Committee's review at their next meeting. This letter is needed for a grant to purchase milkweed plants to plant at Lake Audrey and other suitable locations. We are applying for a \$2,000 grant to purchase 500 plants. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2016. John reported the State will also write a letter of support. Dale confirmed this is not the invasive species of milkweed. Pat said this grant would come under the Creative Community Project section of Sustainable Jersey. We will need volunteers to help with the planting. Notices should be put in *The Reminder*, and

on the website. Also, contact the *Inquirer* reporter that did the story on Mauricetown's House Tour.

Plastic Bag Recycling: Pat reported the barrel at the new Community Resource and Education center is gone. She will contact Tony to see if he can provide another one.

Master Plan Review: John reported he received a copy of the proposed changes which incorporated our recommendations. Ken reported that the changes Unimin wants cannot be addressed during the Master Plan re-examination. Changes should not be based on one landowner's individual needs. He will recommend that the Master Plan include a *Green Building* section. John will talk with the Mayor about the possibility of the Commission assisting with the ERI update. We could apply to ANJEC for a grant if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Report: After review a motion was made by Pat seconded by Ken to approve the report and send it to the Committee and ANJEC. Motion approved.

Grants: John recommended we discuss possible grants at the Green Team meeting.

Motion by Ken seconded by Julie to open the meeting to the public. Seeing no one the public portion was closed.

Ken recommended we request the Mayor to appoint 2 members to our Commission. Julie reminded the Commission that the Eagle Fest is Saturday, February 4th. She and John will be there from 8-10am, Jim and Pat will be there from 10-12, Ken from 12-2 and Dale will try to arrive around 2.

John reported he sent ANJEC a list of members and the bill for the annual dues to the township Clerk.

Motion by Ken seconded by Pat to adjourn. Motion approved at 7:35pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee
CTEC members