

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF

MAY 9, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Vice Chairman McGill. 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, and Amy Wright via phone. John Nardone (will be here shortly). Absent Jim D'Ambrosio. Also in attendance Committeemen Mike Vizzard.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of April 11, 2017, by Pat seconded by Dale to approve. Several corrections were made: under Sustainable Jersey insert "there is a Sustainability Summit" before "the cost is \$35". Also insert "do not" after "as they" and before "like sandy soil" on page 2. Minutes approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANJEC: Julie had no report.

Sustainable Jersey: Pat reported that we received the \$2,000 grant to plant milkweed. The deadline to complete the work is April 2018 when a written report must be submitted. We can request an extension in writing if needed. We as well as the Mayor are invited to attend the announcement on Friday, May 19th from 10-11am in Highland Park. We can also submit a brief quote to Kaitlyn Vollmer at Sustainable Jersey.

At this time, Chairman Nardone came in. Pat and Julie said they will try to attend and John will write a quote and send to Hannah, the township clerk.

Bags for Bay Day: John reported he received 300 bags. On one side is our logo and on the other is "Partnered with U.S. Silica and Unimin Corporation.

New building on Yok Wok Road: John reported he has no new information.

Unimin Application: Ken reported they received approval for Completeness at the last LUB meeting. At the next meeting is consideration for the Reclamation approval for Phase 5, 6 & 6A block 200 lots 3,4,5,5.01 & p/o lot 6 and Block 182 lot 1. Dale will review the plant list submitted and contact Ken with his recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eco Fair at Wheaton: Pat and Ken reported they busy all day, gave out 100 bags and the "plastic bag tree" was a big success. Pat took pictures. We will send one to ANJEC.

Pat reported that Tony Rivera was very impressed by our display and asked if we would attend other events. The CCIA would provide tables, tents and the trailer that is currently parked at Bayshore. John will meet with Ken and Pat to discuss how we could work with Tony.

Festival: Dale reported that he would like to explore the feasibility of hosting an unusual event of some kind to bring people into town. For example, a black fly festival like the one in Adamont, Vermont. After some discussion, he said he will do some additional research for the next meeting.

Milk Weed: Pat reported she is in contact with a nursery in Estelle Manor that can provide 500 plants for \$1375. After some discussion, it was determined that we postpone this project until next year. This will give us time to find suitable planting areas: Dale will contact the County Agriculture Dept.; time to find volunteers: Julie will ask girl scouts, Jim will ask Boy scouts and Ken will ask 4-H groups as suggested by Amy: Pat will contact Estelle Manor and order 500 plants for next year.

Correspondence: Received a Letter of Interpretation for a septic system for block 231 lot 2 on Bacon Street. No action taken.

Motion by Ken seconded by Dale to open the meeting to the public.

Committeeman Vizzard reported he is following up with a contractor for SJ Gas and hopes to survey all public buildings to see how the township could benefit from the program that was presented last month. Pat questioned if he knew about the energy audit that was conducted a few years ago. He will look into that. He also mentioned involving the Chamber of Commerce in any festival ideas. Ken made a motion to close the public portion seconded by Pat. Motion approved.

Ken reported a moratorium limiting the size and number of flounder caught in the Delaware Bay. Should we prepare a resolution? Amy recommended it would be in our best interest to review the study the moratorium is based on before we do anything. All agreed.

Pat asked if there is any notification in the press as to what we do? John said our minutes are sent to Hannah and they are posted on the township's website. Ken will put notices in *The Reminder* of upcoming events.

Motion by Ken seconded by Dale to adjourn. Motion approved at 8:00pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee
CTEC members