

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF

JUNE 13, 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, John Nardone. Absent Dale Schweitzer (arrived at 7:20) Jim D'Ambrosio. Also in attendance Committeemen Mike Vizzard.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of May 9, 2017, by Ken seconded by Pat to approve.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANJEC: Julie had no report.

Sustainable Jersey: Pat reported she has a copy of the grant we submitted. We need to send 25% of the cost for the milkweed plants to the nursery now. John said Pam assured him the balance of the grant will remain in our account next year. Ken will send *The Reminder* two reports. One now on our proposed plans and then again next year to report progress on the grant. Julie said Port Norris school has a group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students called 'Port Norris Leaders' who could be contacted to help with planting.

Bags for Bay Day: John reported we still have 200 due to the cancellation of Bay Day. Ken suggested we set up information table at Artist Day in Mauricetown on September 9th where we could give away some. Committeeman Vizzard suggested we also participate in National Night Out on August 2 at the ball field. Mike will let Lea Tongo know we are interested in doing this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat reported that in the ANJEC REPORT on page 20 there is an article about Climate Change and that ANJEC will provide speakers. She suggested we contact them for a speaker and invite the Township Committee and the public sometime in the Fall. John will ask Hannah when the room will be available. Ken will request the Township Committee to pass a Resolution supporting the Paris Accord.

At this time Dale Schweitzer arrived. (7:20).

Milk Weed: Dale reported a good time to plant the milkweed is in the Spring. He and John will determine where it will be appropriate to plant.

Correspondence: Received a copy of a letter to NJDEP from Steven Gallo (no date) for a General Permit authorization to replace a malfunctioning septic system for block 213 lot 34, 7056 Parsons Lane. No action taken. Also, a letter from Steve Fleetwood of Bivalve Packing Co., Inc.

dated 9, 2017 notifying us that they are requesting an individual waterfront development from NJDEP Division of Land Use Regulation to install a "Flupsy". (See attached letter)

ERI: Master Plan is on the LUB's agenda on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Ken reported he asked where the "five areas of concern" referenced in the Master Plan are. They said ERI is the responsibility of the Environmental Commission. John reported he will speak with Mayor Sutton to see if there are plans to update the ERI that was prepared in 1993. He passed out copies of the Table of Content from the Greenwich Township's ERI. Julie suggested we read the existing ERI and devote our July meeting to discussion of the ERI only. If determined that an update is needed then request estimates and make a recommendation to the township committee.

Motion by Ken seconded by Pat to open the meeting to the public. Motion approved.

Committeeman Vizzard reported he is following up with Denise Hurlburt from SJ Industries contractor for SJ Gas. He wants to compare previous utility bills with the current ones.

He also thought it is a good idea to discuss the rising sea levels with the climate change discussion. He also asked if a consultant would prepare and who pays? Can we justify having a mini ERI prepared based on the information noted in NJSA40:55D-28b.2 ... "including but not limited to topography, soil conditions, water supply, drainage, flood plain areas, marshes and woodlands...".

Dale made a motion to close the public portion seconded by Ken. Motion approved.

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

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee  
CTEC members