

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Nardone. He announced that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Present: Pat Smith, John Nardone, Dale Schweitzer Lorraine Shourds, Julie Gandy, and Amy Wright via phone. Absent: Jim D'Ambrosio, Ken McGill. Also, in attendance: Mayor Vizzard.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of January 14, 2020 by Pat seconded by Dale. Minutes approved.

Motion by Dale seconded by Lorraine to approve the meeting dates as the seconded Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANJEC: Julie reported ANJEC will be hosting a birthday party for Candace Ashmun, first executive director for ANJEC to be held at their headquarters on Mendham Road, Moorestown on March 3, 2020 at noon.

A 2020 grant for Open Space Stewardship. Application is due April 3rd.

Representatives from Partnership for Delaware Estuary: Katlin Tucker, Lee Ann Haaf and Emily Pirl from Barnegat Bay Partnership. They are scouting sites to study salt water intrusion. The concern is sea level rise causing decline of forests, other habitats and salt water contamination of private wells. They propose to install three shallow groundwater monitoring wells most of which are on DEP properties. They will work with Barney Hollinger to locate sites. They want to know if we support them and if so will keep us informed. They will make a presentation to the LUB since the information they gather will assist in our local planning. They presented three maps to the commission featuring "FEMA Flood Zones", "Agricultural and Forest Land and 1-3 ft sea level rise", and the third featuring "Agricultural and Forest land, 1-3 ft sea level rise and Public Land/Open Space and Potential study sites?". They hope to start installation in March. Amy asked that we send her the maps. Katlin said they will prepare another map that will include roads.

John reported our ANJEC dues of \$375 is due. Questioned the commission if it is worth paying. It was agreed it is worth our participation and a motion was approved to pay the dues.

Intouch Loomcharoen, Water compliance Specialist with RCAP solutions can do ½ day presentation on septic management. He will recommend someone familiar with this topic. They will need at least 20 attendees. He will get back to us and said May is a possibility.

Sustainable Jersey: Pat reported there will be \$2000 grant available for green team projects. Deadline to apply is February 14th.

On our current application only one copy of the resolution establishing the green team for 2019 is needed. Pat requested the number of points we already submitted from Sustainable Jersey. Mayor Vizzard said we have all the information on solar installation that we need. Lorraine recommended we get credit for activities under the heading "Pledge for Supporting Wildlife". We could use "Ghost Trap and "Return the Favor" projects with Citizen United". We are working toward recertification for the next three years.

NEW BUSINESS:

John reported that Ken McGill sent his letter of resignation. He requested the Township Committee recognize Ken's dedication.

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

Mayor Mike Vizzard said he would make the presentation to Ken at a committee meeting. He also said the Governor wants New Jersey to be on 100% renewable energy by 2050. The Township could receive \$5000 rebate on electrical vehicles that can go 100 miles on one charge. The Governor wants the entire state to be running on electric vehicles by 2025. The concern Mayor Vizzard raised was the number and location of charging stations.

Motion by Dale seconded by Lorraine to close the public portion. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee
CTEC members