

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF

JANUARY 14, 2020

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, John Nardone, Jim D'Ambrosio, Dale Schweitzer Lorraine Shourds and Julie Gandy. Also, in attendance: Mayor Vizzard.

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

Chairman Nardone called for nominations for Vice Chair. Julie nominated Ken McGill Jim seconded the nomination. John closed the nominations. All present approved.

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of December 10, 2019 by Ken seconded by Pat. Minutes approved. Lorraine abstained.

John introduced Luca Valani, from CU. Luca explained CU is partnering with the Wetlands Institute to find and remove "Ghost" crab traps on the bayshore. Ghost crab traps are abandoned or forgotten traps. They pose a danger to terrapin turtles as well as other sea life. He is working with local watermen that have knowledge of the industry. The trap will be returned to their owner if identified or recycled if possible. There will be an informational session for volunteers on January 29th at 5:30 at the Mauricetown Historical Society. Mayor Vizzard said the township is aware of the program.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANJEC: Julie reported ANJEC will be hosting a Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions on March 28, 2020 from 9-1:30 in Hammonton. ANJEC is working to have single use plastics banned. Jim said he is working to convince bingo players at the fire hall to stop bringing plastic bags by making paper bags available.

Sustainable Jersey: Pat reported there will be a workshop on January 22 from 6-8pm in Haddonfield to identify energy waste problems in business and homes with little or no cost solutions given by New Jersey clean energy and South Jersey Gas. There is a webinar on January 29 to discuss program updates for 2020.

Pat gave Jim the outline of what information is needed on the Quail Project for our certification. John also asked Ken, Dale and Lorraine to help complete various sections of the Sustainable

Jersey website. Pat said she and Mayor Vizzard met about the solar installed by the township. Mayor Vizzard replied that the contractor does have all the necessary information and will get it to him. Pat reminded everyone that this section is worth 30 points. We have until May 17 to complete the submission for certification.

Projects for the coming year:

Ken-Well and Septic speakers- Ken reported he spoke with Michael Cohrs. He will attend our February meeting to discuss goals and workshop modular.

Jim-Atlantic City Electric and South Jersey Gas-Jim reported both will be glad to provide speakers. Just let them know date and time. They will need about 1and 1/2 hours to discuss water conservation.

Dale-Master Gardeners re community gardens-no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

John reported he is writing an article for ANJEC News on our plastic bag program. He handed out a draft copy.

The Eagle Fest is Saturday, February 1. We will help with the registration table again. John and Julie-8 to 10, Pat and Lorraine-10 to 12, Ken-12 to 2.

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

Mayor Mike Vizzard reported he is on the Delaware Bayshore Council and attends the Delaware Estuary meeting1.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

John reported we received an invoice for ANJEC dues.

Motion by Ken seconded by Lorraine to adjourn. Motion approved at 7:50pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee
CTEC members