

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF  
JANUARY 8, 2019

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, Jim D'Ambrosio and Julie Gandy. Also in attendance: Mayor Vizzard.

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

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

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

Pat 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 Jim. All present approved.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of September 11, 2018 by Ken seconded by Pat. Minutes approved with Jim abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANJEC: Julie reported ANJEC will be hosting a Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions on March 16, 2019 from 9-1:30 in West Deptford.

Also, 28 states in the European Union agreed to ban plastic plates, straws, cutlery, cups drink stirrers and sticks for balloons. They also implemented incentives like deposit refunds. The agreement includes commitments to raise awareness about the harms of littering, and how to reuse and recycle products. Companies that produce single-use, containers, wrappers, cups, and even tobacco products with filters will be required to pay for their cleanup. The industry will be given incentives to develop less polluting alternatives.

Ken said he will take a quick survey of litter along several roads to see what type of litter is there. Jim discussed the litter around the Dollar Store. He will take photos and send them and a letter to Corporate. Pat will contact schools to ask if they use any plastic products and Julie will contact Maurice River Township to see if they will partner with us to pass legislation to ban plastic bags.

Sustainable Jersey: Pat reported that our certification will expire in December. Our application for recertification is due in June. There is a webinar on Wednesday February 13 from 1-2pm or 7-8pm on Strategies for Recertification. On Wednesday, January 23 a webinar on Solar Power from 1-2pm. A Stewardship Program for Training on Environmental Issues starting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 to 12:30 to June. Cost is \$250 will be held at ACUA on Deliah Road followed by 60 hours of internship. Also, PSE&G has \$200,000 worth of grants available for municipalities and \$100,000 for schools.

Milkweed Project: John reported he filed the final report in September. Dale recommended that the areas where the milkweed is planted be mowed before they start to regrow in April. John will notify the township that they can mow and he will collect the "Do Not Mow" signs and will replace them in April. John brought up the idea of applying for the "Monarch Certificate". It was decided to wait to see if the plants grow back then ask for the certification.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

John reported we received a request by the County for a permit to vacate "No Name Dam" that is located on CR 676 near the gunning club. No action taken.

Ken reported the LUB heard the Farmland Preservation Project presented by Matt Pisarski, Assistant Planner. Ken said the project is closed for 2018 with two (2) farms in the program. In 2019 the County is looking for perspective farms along Buckshutem Road.

John reported we did not qualify for the small grant alert Pat received.

John requested the Commission think of a project for the year. Ideas to consider: small flower garden at the Veteran's Park; bird feeders at the Senior Center...

Annual Report: John reported he made minor corrections and send it to the Committee and ANJEC.

Ken reported that the fishing line tube is missing at Lake Audrey. Jim said he will supply a replacement tube.

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

Mayor Mike Vizzard reported: the township Zoning Officer sent a notice to Dollar General to clean up their site; he will cut the grass along the milkweed plants at the ball field; solar will be installed at the township building; he is proposing to cut down on the amount of paper that is generated for township meetings by getting 1 Pads for Committee; and the lightening at the Veterans Park is less than two (2) 75 watt light bulbs. Pat pointed out that this will help with Sustainable Jersey recertification.

Pat asked Mayor Vizzard if he knew anything about the concrete company doing work at the site near the marine police station that will enable them to barge sand up the river to Philadelphia. He has not but will look into it.

Motion by Ken seconded by Jim to close the public

Julie reminded the Commission that the Eagle Fest is Saturday, February 2nd. She and John will be there from 8-10am, Jim, Pat and Ken will be there from 10-12, and Dale will try to arrive sometime after noon.

Motion by Pat seconded by Ken to adjourn. Motion approved at 8:10pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee  
CTEC members