

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF

July 9, 2019

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of May 14, 2019 by Ken seconded by Pat. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carol Tutelian, AICP, P.P. Engineering Design Associates, P.A. (EDA) was present to represent Port Norris Properties LLC the owner/applicant of block 225, lots 17 & 17.01 located at 8727-8729 Berry Avenue, Port Norris. Lot 17 is 4.50+/- acres and lot 17.01 is 1.30+/- acres and is located in the Commercial/Recreational (C/R) zoning district.

The applicant is seeking a minor site plan approval to permit two (2) uses on one site: an existing marina -a permitted use and a sand loading operation which requires a conditional use variance. The commission reviewed the site plan prepared by EDA and dated 7/1/19 and the Environmental Impact Statement prepared by Ms. Tutelian dated July 2, 2019. The commission had several questions and concerns which were adequately addressed by Ms. Tutelain. Motion to recommend approval to the LUB was unanimously approved. John will send letter to Chairman Storms.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANJEC: Julie had no report.

ANJEC has been hosting press conferences in various towns to celebrate the passage of over 50 ordinances banning single use plastics.

Sustainable Jersey: Pat reported we should hear mid-July if additional information is needed by Sustainable Jersey on the application for the 165-point bronze re-certification.

Pat also reported our plastic bag program was in the CCIA newsletter. Also, corrugated cardboard is to be put at the curb with other recycling. If there is a lot then it can be taken to the CCIA and we will get credit for it. Discussion followed as to how to approach board of education to help schools reduce their plastic waste.

Bat houses: Ken reported there are six (6) indigenous species in New Jersey. They hibernate in caves or under leaf matter. They are large and small but most common are red bats that go under tree bark. Dale said they do not migrate. Therefore, it was decided that bat houses would not be practical or useful.

Cactus Sign for Lake Audrey: Dale has the design and locations. He will provide description soon. Signs will be made by Barry Fisher. He also reported that the milkweed at the ball field is substantial but is not flowering as yet. Most of the plants did not survive at Lake Audrey. John will check other locations.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion by Ken seconded by Pat to open the meeting to the public. Motion approved. Mayor Mike said three electric companies have been contacted for estimates on lighting upgrades. Cost savings may take seven (7) years to be realized.

Motion by Pat seconded by Ken to close the public. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Application for renewal of Atlantic City Electric's statewide multi-permit for vegetative and structural maintenance within power line rights-of-way dated June 7, 2019.

Letter from Remington & Vernick Engineers dated June 24, 2019 RE: reconstruction of an existing storm drainage pipe on High Street.

There will be no meeting in August unless needed.

Motion by Ken seconded by Dale to adjourn. Motion approved at 7:55pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee  
CTEC members