

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2021

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: John Nardone, Julie Gandy, Lorraine Shourds, Peter Manzelmann. Absent: Pat Smith, Dale Schweitzer. Also in attendance: Mayor Mike Vizzard.

Minutes of July 13, 2021: Motion by Peter seconded by Lorraine to approve. Motion passed.

**ANJEC:** Julie reported she attended a Zoom call on July 21 on ACTIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ). EPA definition: the fair treatment and meaningful environment of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies. N.J.S.A. 13:1D-157. She passed around a printout of depictions that showed the examples of Equality, Equity and Justice.

Julie also reported the ANJEC Achievement Awards for project started on 1/1/19 and completed by 8/31/21 can be submitted by 10/22/21 at 7:00pm. Awards will be presented during the Virtual Environmental Congress on October 19, 2021. She recommended our plastic bag to benches project.

**SUSTAINABLE JERSEY:** John reported we consider applying for a grant for a project that would benefit the community.

**BLUEBIRD BOXES:** Peter reported there are 15 baby blue birds and 5 new eggs. On Friday he and Allen Jackson will relocate the bird boxes from the Port Norris school to the Mori Park. They will also clean the Purple Martin gourd houses and relocated them to the Mori Park. Time permitting, they will also clean the gourd houses at the River Park.

**WELL WATER TESTING:** John reported 66 residents picked up bottles by July 21. Results will be emailed to each resident in a month. The commission will receive a summary and then determine the need for a virtual presentation by the board of health.

Peter recommended we put a notice on website and in tax bills reminding residents that only **clean plastic** be placed in plastic recycling containers. He also asked if other residents complain about grit from the sand plant. Mayor Vizzard replied that the grit is a by-product of the sand drying process and cannot be contained any more than it is.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** Motion by Lorraine to open the public portion seconded by Peter. Seeing no one, Peter made a motion to close the public portion seconded by Lorraine.

Motion by Peter seconded by Lorraine to adjourn at 7:45pm.  
Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee  
CTEC members