

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF

JULY 13, 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, Pat Smith, Peter Manzelmann. Absent: Dale Schweitzer. Also in attendance: Mayor Mike Vizzard.

Minutes of May 11, 2021-Motion by Lorraine seconded by Peter to approve. Motion passed.

Minutes of June 8, 2021-Motion by Julie seconded by Lorraine to approve. Motion passed with Pat and Peter abstaining.

ANJEC: Julie reported she attended a Zoom call on May 22 on Plastic Pollution Reduction Act (find it on You Tube) or www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law. ANJEC can be contacted for flyers and educational materials. "Choose to Reuse" is replaced with "Bag Up NJ". Timeframe:

November 2021-Straws banned (provided only on request)

May 2022 Single use plastic bags banned in stores by May 2022. If a store size is above 2500 sq. ft then paper bags are also banned. Stores under 2500 sq. ft paper bags are available FREE of charge.

May 2022 polystyrene foam with a 2-year extension for long handled spoons, meat trays and pre-packaged foods. Recommend that you decline pre-wrapped utensils.

And another zoom call on June 28, 2021 on Mapping Tools and NJ Mapping Platform given by John Hasse, Rowen Dept. of Geography, Director of Geospatial Research Lab and Eric Olsen, Nature Conservancy. They along with NJ Conservation Foundation, plus 2 dozen other organizations are on the steering committee for Conservation Blueprint which is an Interactive Mapping Tool. Conservation Mapping Tool use NJ Mapping Platform. It allows you to drill down to the block and lot level. It helps with open space and farmland preservation, site plan and subdivision review, storm water planning. It also shows the level of development over the past three decades. it can be found at <https://www.njmap2.com/blueprint/>. You can view the presentation at <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1i12e5Z4O4lDz5F29cpgLkE1gKEMiDjsSr9iihcSXHs/edit?usp=s> haring

On July 22 at 7:00pm there is a zoom call on Actions for Environmental Justice in NJ. There is no charge to us but must register with ANJEC.

Sustainable Jersey: Pat reported that 81% of NJ Municipalities are certified as Bronze. 458 communities are active members, 219 are certified as bronze members, including us, 64 are Silver and 1 is Gold. Certification last 3 years, we have 2.50 years before we need to be recertified at 155 points.

Well Water Testing: John reported 60 bottles will be in the Clerk's office for pick up on Monday June 14 and must be returned by Friday, June 18th. We will have our blue re-useable cloth bags to give away.

New Business: Peter reported there are 6 blue bird boxes in the sand plant park. He and Alan Jackson will move the purple martin from the closed Port Norris school to this park.

Open to the public:

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

Mayor Vizzard asked if we were still collecting plastic bags for benches. We are. Peter will place plastic bag cans in the Port Norris post office and in Lalli's Liquor store.

Mayor Vizzard also said he is researching the American Recovery Act to request ½ million dollars over 2 years for residents to fix their septic systems. Upper Deerfield has developed criteria that will be needed to determine resident eligibility. He proposes, if it a permitted use of the funds to grant \$10,000 per house.

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

Correspondence: None

Motion by Pat seconded by Peter to adjourn. Motion approved at 7:55pm.

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee
CTEC members