

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 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, Pat Smith, Lorraine Shourds, Dale Schweitzer, Peter Manzelmann, Julie Gandy. Also in attendance: Committeeman-Elect Joe Klaudi.

Minutes of October 12, 2021: Motion by Dale seconded by Lorraine to approve. Motion passed.

WELL WATER TESTING: Presentation via zoom with Jessie Gleason, MSPH and Rebecca Swartz, NJ Department of Health on the Summary Data for the well testing that they performed in conjunction with the environmental commission. They reported 47 homeowners completed registration and submitted samples. Tested for lead, iron and manganese, raw and treated. There is no safe level for lead. Lead rarely occurs naturally in groundwater. Lead materials may be present in water delivery systems (lead pipes, lead solder, brass in faucets or "packer" in wells). Flushing water first thing in the morning may help reduce lead. Water treatment is highly recommended followed by yearly testing. 17 wells were exposed to lead. Secondary contaminants of concern are Iron-35.9%, Manganese-14.4% and pH-89.0%.

ANJEC: Julie reported the Plastic Straw provision of the Plastic Pollution Reduction Law takes effect this month. Establishments are not to provide plastic straws unless requested. Department of Health is the enforcement agency. First offense is a warning; second offence is a fine up to \$1,000. And the third offence is a fine up to \$5,000.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY: Pat reported there are \$50,000 grants available. However, we only have 2 days to submit a request.

BLUEBIRD BOXES: Peter had nothing new to report.

TOUR: John reported the Recycling Center Tour took place on November 3. We had a very informative tour of the landfill and the recycling center by Tony Riviera and Emma Nolan, the recycling coordinator. Ms. Nolan will be available to speak at a future meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Dale asked why we were not listed in the Cumberland County Guide? John will ask the township clerk. Pat said she called the county re the grass growing under the signs on North Avenue at the end of the bypass. They said they cannot cut the grass/weeds under all the signs in the county since they have to do that by hand.

John reminded everyone that the proclamation for Ken McGill, former Chair and EC member on the Land Use Board, will be presented to him by the Township Committee on Thursday, November 18th at 6PM. All are encouraged to attend.

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

Motion by Lorraine seconded by Peter to adjourn at 8:10pm

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee
CTEC members