

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Dale Schweitzer, Peter Manzelmann. Absent: Pat Smith.

Minutes of August 10, 2021: Motion by Lorraine seconded by Peter to approve. Motion passed.

**ANJEC:** Julie reported the we cannot enter our TREX plastic bag to bench project for the ANJEC Achievement Awards because our project started before 1/1/19.

Julie also reported there will be a zoom webinar on Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00pm: What's the 411 on MS4s-Permits for Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program.

Also, Environmental Action reported that tiny plastic pellets are spreading across from the Indian Ocean and other oceans coating coastlines and killing wildlife. They are urging people to tell US Representatives to support the "Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act". John will draft resolution. He will contact ANJEC for model resolution.

**SUSTAINABLE JERSEY:** No report.

**BLUEBIRD BOXES:** Peter reported he, Allen Jackson and two CU volunteers relocated the bird boxes from the Maurice River to the Mori Park. He will monitor them in spring.

**TOUR:** John reported the Recycling Center Tour will be 1-4 hours in October. Lorraine said if the tour started later in the day, she might be able to arrange to leave work early. John will schedule with center.

**WELL WATER TESTING:** John reported there was one test that had very high reading for lead. Lorraine said that was the reading for the unoccupied they just purchased in Haleyville. They will be replacing the pipes along with other renovations. John also reported that Jessie Gleason, MSPH, the project manager Will have a zoom presentation for the community. She will contact the residents who were part of the project to determine the interest. We could also open it to rest of the township residents. It could be in November or January.

Peter reported Peterson's Run next to "Edna Creet's former house, has a sluice gate by the River which may be causing the flooding along Buckshutem Road. He will investigate further.

Julie reported on an on-line article in the Atlantic City Press on 9/13/2021. The Army Corp of Engineering reported the dredging of the Maurice River. Ed Voigt, a spokesman for the Army Corp, said "there is about \$4million for maintenance dredging on the river in President Biden's budget proposal, but that has not been approved by Congress. He expects the funding to remain intact when there is a final vote." The Army Corp could approve the contract by late 2022. The project will create a channel 7 feet deep and 150 feet wide across the Maurice Cove to river's mouth, then a 100-foot-wide channel of the same depth to the fixed bridge upriver at Millville, a distance of 24 miles.

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

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

Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee  
CTEC members