

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman John Nardone. He announced that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Present: John Nardone, Pat Smith, Dale Schweitzer, Peter Manzelmann, Julie Gandy, Lorraine Shourds.
Also in attendance: Mayor Mike Vizzard and Committeeman Joe Klaudi.

Minutes of February 8, 2022: Motion by Pat seconded by Peter to approve. Motion passed.

ANJEC: Julie reported there are grants up to \$1500 available for Open Space Stewardship Projects. The application deadline is May 2, 2022.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY: Pat reported their website list a calendar of events: March 22 from 5:30 to 7pm is Green Infrastructure for your town and on March 23rd from 7-8 they will discuss the plastic bag ban. She also sent an email to Brandon Rothrock thanking him for his presentation and that we will not be needing his assistance at this time.

BLUEBIRD BOXES: Peter reported that he and Allen Jackson put 6 blue bird boxes in the Ella Morie Park, 3 in various locations in Mauricetown, and 1 behind the township building. They also set 2 racks of purple martin gourds (there are 12 gourds on each rack) in the Ella Morie Park, 1 near the Mauricetown Fire Hall and 1 rack near the township building.

PROJECT FOR 2022: Peter and Dale could present information on environmental issues to students. They can submit a list of topics for presentations such as specific laws ie plastic problem, climate change and nature in general.

John reminded the commission that a few years ago we purchased re-useable bags and gave them out at various events. Mayor Vizzard suggested if we purchase bags again, the food pantry could use 500 bags since they will be affected by the plastic bag law. Motion by Lorraine seconded by Pat to purchase 500 bags for the food pantry. Motion approved.

CLIMATE CHANGE ALLIANCE: John reported that he has been part of the State's Office of Planning Advocacy community program representing Cumberland County. There are 8 counties involved. The plan's target audience are "thought-leaders from statewide organizations, local civic leaders, and leaders across many sectors such as transportation, environment/climate change and public health leaders. The plan endorses 15-minute cities and how to incorporate walking, and biking trails to commercial areas. Peter addressed the notion of food deserts meaning the inability of residents to obtain fresh food locally.

There is a Community Input Workshop on Monday March 14 at 6pm in the township building.

NEW BUSINESS: John reported that the township Committee will need to pass a resolution approving a Municipal Plan Endorsement.

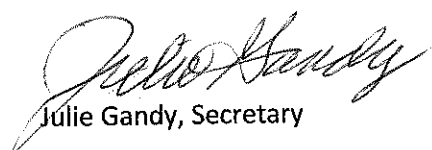
COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Peter reported 175 nations will come together to pray for a treaty plan
PUBLIC PORTION: Motion by Pat to open the public portion seconded by Lorraine Motion passed.

Seeing no one Lorraine made a motion to close the public portion seconded by Dale. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Motion by Pat seconded by Peter to adjourn at 7:30pm

Respectively submitted,


Julie Gandy, Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee
CTEC members