## COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

## MINUTES OF MAY 10, 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. Also in attendance: Mayor Mike Vizzard. Absent: Lorraine Shourds

Minutes of April 12, 2022: Motion by Dale seconded by Peter to approve. Motion passed. Abstain: Julie

ANJEC: No report

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY: Pat reported there is a webinar on May 16 from 1-2pm re: South Jersey Communities Grant Program. Also, Atlantic City electric is contributing \$75,000 to all municipalities with their service to support municipal environmental stewardship & resiliency projects. The webinar will address application process and overview of the program. Applications are due Tuesday 6/30/2022. On May 18 from 6-8pm join Atlantic Cape May Counties SJ hub at Hidden Sands Brewery 6754 Washington Ave. EHT to find out what local schools are doing to save money, go green and promote environmental learning.

**BLUEBIRD BOXES:** Peter reported blue bird eggs at 2 locations. Males have started to arrive. Mayor Vizzard reported he saw birds flying into his blue bird house and heard noises but did not open to inspect. Peter will inspect.

**BAG PURCHASE FOR FOOD BANK:** John reported we purchased 300 reusable bags and gave 100 to each of the local 3 food banks.

**GRANT FOR CU FROM NF&W:** No update

**ANJEC GRANT PROPOSAL**: Peter reported after he made several recommended revisions the grant was submitted.

**NEW BUSINESS:** John reported that sustainable Jersey has interns available which he forwarded to Mayor Vizzard who said they are not needed at this time.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** Motion by Pat to open the public portion seconded by Dale. Motion passed. Ms. Angeline Hardem, Memorial Ave. Port Norris said she still has not been able to have an answer on the tree removal situation. John read a letter from Mr. Barney Hollinger who cut down the trees. (see attached). Mayor Vizzard reported he is taking the matter up with the employee who gave incorrect information to Mr. Hollinger.

Peter made a motion to close the public portion seconded by Pat. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** John reported we received a notice that approval is requested to remove a dwelling located at 813 Steep Run Road and replaced with a new one. There is an issue with the small stream on the property that has been identified by DEP as a trout stream.

Notice received that the bridge on Miller Ave will be replaced. Mayor Vizzard reported the township received a \$100,000 grant and will do the work with the County's assistance. Also, the sluice gate on Berry Ave. will be fixed.

Notice received that a septic system at 6834 Brown Ave will be upgraded.

Motion by Dale seconded by Peter to adjourn at 7:45pm

Respectively submitted,

Julie Gandy Recording Secretary

cc: Twp. Committee

**CTEC** members