

CAPE MAY POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

May 13, 2020 – 10 am

Start Time: 10:05

End Time: 11:51

EC Members participating by videoconference due to Covid-19:

(X) Sandy Allison

(X) Paula Massanari

(X) Barb Bassett

(X) Commissioner Robert Mullock

(X) Catherine Busch, Chair

(X) Isabelle Neary

(X) Jamie Goren, Vice Chair

(X) Emelia Oleson

Others present: Gregg Greenberg, Mary Kelly, Chris Meyerink, Dick Saari, Stephanie Maggio, Helen Chezem.

AGENDA

Sunshine Law Statement – This meeting was properly advertised in the Cape May Star & Wave and duly posted at the Borough Municipal Building in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Minutes: On motion of SA, seconded by JG, the minutes of April 8, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence: None

Reports:

- **Lake Lily:** RM reported lake in good condition; bulkhead complete. Native trees and plants look good. There has been a good response to the project. Use of the benches has been strong. The plan is to make the path equal to a nature trail. Irrigation lines are to be repaired. RM thanked the EC for our assistance to the project. It has been a community effort. FLL (Friends of Lake Lily) requests to redo the island. EC would like to keep it natural. Two organizations have offered to erect an osprey platform on the island. From the end of the sidewalk to the next bed, SW bed, FLL would like to make into a garden. The thought instead is to enhance the natural area. NJ Audubon is eliminating invasives around the lake and replacing with natives. Bill Gibson is supervising. A long-range plan for Lake Lily should be developed. CB confirmed what RM ask of the EC:
 1. Recommendation on osprey platform
 2. Formal recommendation on SW bed
 3. Long term plan for natural lake and wildlife, including outside advice (but not commercial companies).
- Over the next month, CB will work with other members of the EC and a representative of FLL to gather information.
- **Triangle Park:** Grant application (see old business) was submitted. Decision is due in June. The lifeboat has been repainted. The Wildlife Gardener is expanding the perennial butterfly garden along the edges.
- **Beach:** Starting tomorrow, 5/14, the beach will be open to fishing and walking. No sitting. No groups. Lifeguards will be enforcing the rules.
- **Bike Path:** No report.

- **Green Team:** Tested out the video option of freeconferencecall.com. It worked so decided to use for this EC meeting. Total points to date of projects for recertification are 100 out of the 150 required for Bronze certification. There is a June deadline for submitting projects.
- **Commissioner Liaison:** RM reported CMPT ordered PPE for public employees. Gave masks to EMTs. Masks and hand sanitizer were given to the ER department of Cape Regional as well as doctor's offices specializing in senior care. The remainder has been stockpiled.
- Pearl, Ocean and Central have been paved. SA asked about a drain on Brainard where water collects. RM – It is difficult because the land runs downhill in that area. He will review.
- **Planning Board:** The meeting is next week. No applications to be heard.

Old Business: Both items have been discussed previously during reports.

- ANJEC Open Space Grant application
- New Jersey Audubon Proposal: Invasive Plant Management at Triangle Park

New Business:

- **Rain Garden Grant Money:** There is money left over in the rain garden project mainly because Rutgers provided the natives free of charge. The state would prefer the money be used rather than returned. The 3 options in order are:
 1. Plant labels for the Rain Garden and Lake Lily south-end garden: CB & SA researched plant labels. Photos of the examples were screen shared. Both the common and Latin name of the plant are inscribed. The labels are 2"x6" and are affixed to 12-20" stainless steel stakes. Of the 2 different greens, jungle green was chosen. The labels will help with questions and familiarize visitors to natives.
 2. Mosquito Dunks: Buy additional dunks for distribution to residents.
 3. Recycling Magnets: If there is money still left, recycling education magnets may be purchased.
- **Recycling Bins:** RM - the second order of 300 bins has been placed. Instructions will be sent out for the distribution by Public Works.

Announcements

CB: The Wildlife Pledge was added to the "Our Environment" section of the CMPT website. Rutgers webinar series has one to promote Backyard composting on 6/15 & again 6/29.

Public Portion [PM and BB opened.]

Dick Saari - There are 2 grants from FLL for work on Lake Lily: island \$1800 from the Riley family and \$1000 for natives where the invasives have been removed. Chris Meyerink will be the FLL representative for the group developing the long-range plan. He will get with Bill Gibson concerning the muck pellets for the lake.

Mary Kelly – Has there been any update on the Tree Protection Ordinance? CB - She met with the commissioners and to discuss EC recommendations. Elaine is developing the draft into an ordinance format. It then needs to be reviewed by the Borough Solicitor and given to the Borough Commissioners for review prior to introduction. MK next asked about specifics of information she had sent which CB could not remember so she will review and get with MK.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by SA, second by PM 11:51 AM