

CAPE MAY POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

January 13, 2021– 10 am

Start Time: 10:02 am

End Time: 11:13 am

EC Members present (meeting held via Zoom):

(x) Sandy Allison

(x) Paula Massanari

(x) Barb Bassett, Chair

(x) Catherine Busch, Commissioner

(x) Isabelle Neary

() Jamie Goren, Vice Chair

(x) Emelia Oleson

Others present: Mary Kelly, Chris Meyerink, Julia Rega, Carol Sowers, Bob Mullock, Dick Saari

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: Approval of minutes from December 9, 2020. PM made a motion to approve the minutes; IN seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Correspondence: A coastal permit application for 218 Alexander Avenue was received by Commissioner Busch(CB). No EC action is needed at this time.

Reports:

- **Lake Lily:** The Friends of Lake Lily (FLL) has received a revised, stand-alone proposed contract from Solitude to complete four tests of water quality of Lake Lily in 2021. The FLL will review and determine if they will submit the draft contract to the Borough for action. CB reported that she plans to review the proposed three-year contract between the Audubon society, the FLL and the Borough with the Borough solicitor.
- **Triangle Park:** No report
- **Beach:** Commissioner Busch reported that the sand replenishment project is underway at Coral Beach.
- **Bike Path:** Nothing new to report.
- **Green Team:** CMPt was approved for another three years. It is the second time that CMPt has been awarded Bronze status. The EC and the Green Team are being combined. At this time, there will no longer be a stand-alone Green Team committee. EO reported that the EC received an additional 250 reusable grocery bags for distribution to the community at various public events.
- **Commissioner Liaison:** CB is getting up to speed in her new role as Commissioner. Work is underway to reconstruct the Yale Avenue water mains to remove lead joints. Also, NJ has updated storm water regulations. Every municipality must update its storm water regulations by March 2021. The Borough engineer will advise the Commissioners if any changes will be needed to CMPt regulations. CB signed up for various Rutgers University trainings related to green infrastructure projects. PM asked when Public

Works would be clearing debris off drain coverings along the roads in the Borough. CB will investigate.

- **Planning Board:** Nothing new to report. This month's meeting was cancelled.

Old Business

SLF: The second spotted lantern fly article was published in the CMPT Taxpayers Bulletin in December. A reminder to look for egg masses was published in mid-January. These articles were shared with the EC in both West CM and CM. BB will draft spotted lantern fly information to be added to the Borough website, and it will be reviewed next month by the EC.

Bird Collisions: The Civic Club is interested in having a presentation on bird collisions. BB is sharing information with the club.

Bottle Cap Recycling Program: EO is seeking additional information from the Mission Inn. Once more information is available, the EC can work out the details regarding a possible partnership with the Inn to collect #2, 4 and 5 plastic bottle caps. JG will contact a CMPT resident who is already participating in the bottle cap program for additional information.

New Business

Possible budget requests: Rain barrels; Tree of Heaven and bamboo removal from public property; Spotted Lantern Fly brochures and posters; additional compost bins; increased stipend for secretary for the EC.

A new EC member is being sought that is also a member of the Planning Board. Mayor Moffatt will select the person.

Announcements

None

Public Portion

JG made a motion to move into the public portion of the meeting. PM seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dick Saari followed up on the status of the sixth flower bed and the clearing of invasives from the island in Lake Lily. CB reported that the status of both projects is "unchanged."

Bob Mullock once again reviewed the history of the spraying of lilies in the lake. BB indicated the EC was aware of the history and was ready to move on.

Adjournment

JG made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and to adjourn the meeting. IN seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.