

**CAPE MAY POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

December 8, 2021 – 10 am

Start Time \_\_\_\_\_

End Time \_\_\_\_\_

EC Members present:

(X) Sandy Allison

(X) Paula Massanari

(X) Barb Bassett, Chair

(X) Isabelle Neary

(X) Commissioner Catherine Busch

(X) Emelia Oleson

(X) Elise Geiger

(X) Carol Sowers

Others present \_\_\_\_\_

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: The meeting minutes from November 10, 2021 were not yet available.

Reports:

- Lake Lily: CB and Bill Gibson attended the Rutgers course on lake management. They learned quite a bit. It is important not treat the symptoms, but rather treat the cause. Clean Flo, hired by the town, has the philosophy to ecologically rebalance the lake. A lake management plan will be tailored specifically to Lake Lily. No results from the DEP sampling of the lake earlier in the year have been received. It is possible that they only notify if harmful. The bloom may have been to multiple factors occurring at once. The winterberry is doing well.
- Triangle Park: Nothing new to report.
- Beach: The Marine Mammal Stranding Center is offering to provide 2 signs with details on what to do if a person sees a mammal on the beach. The signs are 3'x2'. The print version can be posted at town hall, the kiosks, and the post office.
- Green Team: Review of Plastic Bag Ban Education: It would be good to add an informational pamphlet on the upcoming bag ban in the annual mailing from the borough. CB will follow up with Elaine on the timing. [BagUpNJ](#) is the state website announcing the changes. SA reported through talking with Homestead Realty, that they were not going to put anything out to the renters when they checked in. Information would be sent out via internet and emails on the new Plastic bags ban for NJ, so they can bring reusable bags with them.
- Commissioner Liaison: [CB] CB marked additional invasives this month. They include Tree of Heaven, Bradford Pears, Mimosas, Autumn Olives and privet. The Public Works department has started the removal. Two compost bins are left. It has taken 3-4 years at 20 per year to deplete the supply.
- Planning Board: [BB] Nothing to report.

On-going Business:

- Invasives in Pavilion Circle: Update [EG] There will be one more work session this year on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Bushes to be removed have been marked. We'll need to come up with a plan for plantings in the Spring. EG volunteered to create a map of the horseshoe bed.
- Mayors' Monarch Pledge: [PM/IN/BB] PM will ask Mayor Moffit if he would like to again sign the pledge for 2022. Education is needed to notify people that they should not clean out their beds in the Fall to provide cover for pollinators and birds.

New Business: None.

Correspondence: Donation from Warren Garden Club was made to the EC Trust.

Announcements: None

Public Portion: Chris Meyerink thanked CB and BG for taking the lake management course. He also thanked everyone for the work on the horseshoe bed in Pavilion Circle.

Adjournment: PM made the motion to adjourn at 11:20 AM. This was seconded by EG