

CAPE MAY POINT
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: December 14, 2016

Start Time: 6:04pm

EC Members present:

<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Allison	<input type="checkbox"/> Mildred Morgan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Brecker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Bob Mullock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LuAnn Daniels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Isabelle Neary (phone)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Goren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emelia Oleson (phone)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Busch, Chair

Others present: Jim Fraatz, Jim Hansen, Watershed Ambassador

Sunshine Law Statement –

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

Guests: none

Minutes: Motion to approve November minutes made by EG, and seconded by LD, and approved by all.

Correspondence: Catherine Busch said that the Notification of an application for an NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit Application for Block 43, Lot 11.01 was just a formality to notify the E.C., and there is nothing for the E.C. to do.

Reports:

Lily Lake: *Information found in section: New Business*

Triangle Park: Mildred Morgan/not present

Beach: Commissioner Mullock said that the Army Corp of Engineers is planning to do the sand/ fill in January, 2017 and going into February if needed. They are going to be using smaller than anticipated fill which is good news. This project will run 24 hours a day. It will be for St. Pete's Beach and some for Lehigh Beach if needed.

Also, Commissioner Mullock stated that the winds blowing northeast across the bay were picking up tremendous amounts of sand. The black pines, which were coated in sand and situated on the dunes, did a great job protecting the town from these sand-blown winds.

In addition, Commissioner Mullock said that the Beach Replenishment Plan will be on the shelf in the Meeting Room for anyone to read this 2 inch-thick contract.

Bike Path: Commissioner Mullock said that there was nothing to report from the last meeting. Again, a 25 MPH was recommended for Cape Avenue and Lighthouse Avenue. This has been referred to the NJ DoT.

Green Team: Catherine Busch said that she presented a report to the Commissioners at their December 6th Work Session concerning what Sustainable Projects the committee is recommending to the commissioners. These are projects that the Sustainable Committee wants to pursue. These projects will allow the Sustainable Committee to attain the Bronze Level, and thus be eligible for grants. CB will go back to the next work session to get the Commissioner's feedback.

Old Business: As Jamie Goren resigned as the Vice Chair of the E.C., there was a brief discussion on who would volunteer to be the new Vice Chair. The Vice Chair will run the meeting if the Chair is absent. LuAnn Daniels volunteered to be the new Vice Chair. Catherine Busch will write the E.C. Annual Report for 2016.

New Business: The E.C. reviewed the West Lake Drive Landscaping Plan for Lake Lily. Ed Grant had only one change to this Plan. It concerned the plant layout that showed the beds were raised. Now, however, the Plan will be that there will be edging around the beds. CB was in favor of the changes to the edging that would make the beds blend in more naturally with the surrounding areas. LD made a motion to approve the changes to the edging, and this was seconded by AB, and approved by all.

Planning Board Report: Ann Brecker said that a subcommittee was formed for the Master Plan work, and the members are: LuAnn Daniels, Ann Brecker and Anita Van Heeswyk. On December 5th, a message was sent to Michael Sullivan. It said that the subcommittee feels that the Master Plan just needs to update the demographics. This information will be presented at a meeting in January, 2017.

Commissioner Liaison Report: Commissioner Mullock said that he met with the Friends of Lake Lily, and it was a very good meeting. There was a concern about the English Ivy. It was agreed that no equipment will be used to remove the English Ivy. Instead, a part-time person in CMP Public Works Department will hand cut the English Ivy in January, February and possibly March, 2017.

Announcements: Catherine Busch said that ANJEC announced an Open Space Stewardship Grant for up to \$1500.00. This will be due in early April, 2017.

The two reports provided to us by the Planning Board will be put in our files, and if needed, a detailed discussion to follow:

“Getting to Resilience Recommendation Report, January, 2016”

“Municipal Coastal Vulnerability Assessment, May, 2016”

Jamie Goren raised a concern about swimming pools in CMP and how the zoning laws regarding lot coverage apply. This will be followed up in a future meeting.

Public Portion: none

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by JG, and seconded by EG, and approved by all.

Meeting ended at: 6:47pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isabelle Neary".

**Submitted by Isabelle Neary
Recording Secretary/ Cape May Point Environmental Commission**