

CAPE MAY POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Borough Hall
November 13, 2019

Start Time: 10:00 am

End Time: 11:23 am

EC Members present:

(X) Sandy Allison

(X) Paula Massanari

(X) Barb Bassett

() Commissioner Robert Mullock

(X) Catherine Busch, Chair

(X) Isabelle Neary via telephone

(X) Jamie Goren, Vice Chair

(X) Emelia Oleson

Others present Lynn Smith

AGENDA

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.

CB welcomed Paula Massanari to the EC. She was appointed to take Ed Grant's place and will also liaison with Friends of Lake Lily as she sits on their board.

Minutes: On motion of JG, seconded by EO, the minutes of August 14 and September 11, were approved.

Correspondence: None

Reports:

- **Lake Lily** – PM had nothing new to report from FLL. Previously, the treatment of widgeon grass was denied in order to see if the winter waterfowl would take care of the problem. CB is also looking for independent information about natural lakes instead of relying on the information provided by a commercial enterprise. CB reported the lake project will continue with woody plants going in by the end of the year. SA would like to see 3 native bushes – winterberry, juniper and yew – saved instead of being removed as previously requested by Dick Saari of FLL. All discussions on planting were postponed until the major Lake project is completed in order to see what is there before determining if any other landscaping is needed.
- **Triangle Park** – CB is waiting for a quote for invasive control of wild part of park. Contractor continues to weed and will put in a clamshell pathway through pollinator garden this fall or spring. The members agreed to apply for an open space grant from ANJEC for the park.
- **Beach** – Trees and shrubs were planted as part of Dunes and More day.
- **Bike Path** – nothing new
- **Green Team** – CB reported the Borough will have no problem qualifying for bronze level, but it is unrealistic to try for silver level. The EC must still finish the wildlife action plan. The GT is looking into various ways of earning points including: raingarden and porous walkway at Lake Lily will garner points under green infrastructure; the new recycling cans will fall under recycling education and compliance.
- **Commissioner Liaison** – none

- **Planning Board** – CB reported lighting was discussed at last meeting and upshot was attorney was going to try to pull together a recommendation specific to lights shining onto adjoining properties. Also discussed was historic preservation. Jonathan Kinney from the NJDCA will give a presentation at an upcoming planning board meeting. There are plans to videotape it and post it to the website for public viewing. CB reported, as the PB liaison, she is reserving her opinion until more information is provided.

Old Business:

- Landscaping and Vegetation Ordinance & Tree Protection – CB gave a brief overview of past discussions. The plan is to make changes to the existing zoning chapter relevant to zoning permits and construction and to create a new chapter for trees and vegetation on existing property. Items under consideration were: requiring a minimum of 3 native trees on each property; controlling the spread of invasive plants; requiring removal of invasive plants when applying for a permit; prohibiting planting of new invasive plants; protecting trees during demolition; requiring a permit to remove trees; possibly regulating trees in rights-of-way; and possibly addressing topping of trees. CB will work on a final draft list of ideas for review at the next meeting.

New Business: none

Announcements: none

Public Portion: no one wished to speak

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by BB, seconded by EO.