

JUNE 11, 2019
WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Mayor Moffatt at 12:00 PM. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by the Mayor who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Moffatt, Commissioner Mullock and Commissioner vanHeeswyk answered roll call. Also in attendance: Clerk Elaine Wallace.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS)

Commissioner Mullock gave an update on the status of the Lake Lily bulkhead project, which is on schedule except for the additional 120' portion. The next steps will be the concrete work, which doesn't need to be bid, then the porous walkway, which will be bid, and finally the landscaping in the fall. There was some discussion about what color the walkway will be, whether brown or gray to match the bulkhead. The configuration of the edges of the walkway material still needs to be decided. Mayor Moffatt asked when the manhole will be addressed. A subcontractor will be doing that work as the next part of the bulkhead project. The manhole will be changed and a new storm drain will be able to put in the street. The drainage pipe that goes to the State Park will be under the new platform, where there will be an access hatch making it much easier to access than it currently is. Lastly, Mr. Mullock reported there will be work on two roadway and drainage projects this fall – Pearl/Brainard/Yale and Pavilion/Ocean/Central. He hope work on replacing the Yale Avenue water line the following year.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk was pleased to read in the annual beach survey report that there was not a great deal of lost sand and there is a lot of sand off the edge of the water. If Congress doesn't fund the next replenishment, perhaps the Borough could backpass using that sand. The next beach replenishment is scheduled for 2020. The replenishments fill to the individual beach templates. The report also mentions the beach saver reefs are almost filled now. Mayor Moffatt mentioned those are monitored by the Beach Patrol every year for safety and swimming purposes. Mrs. vanHeeswyk thanked Emelia Oleson for attending the most recent Coastal Coalition meeting, which was also attended by the Borough's CRS Coordinator/Floodplain Manager. NFIP is redesigning the risk rating system in an attempt to make it clearer and easier to quote policies. She is worried the next system will not be favorable for Cape May Point property owners. Next, Commissioner vanHeeswyk reported a property owner sent a request to all three commissioners asking to be able to have a letter read into the record during a Planning Board hearing. She immediately responded explaining Planning Boards are governed by the State's Municipal Land Use Law which states all testimony must be given in person. The Commissioners have no authority to supersede State law. Lastly, she mentioned a recent article about an Avalon woman who has been fined for having overgrown Virginia creeper on her property.

Mayor Moffatt announced the pre-season beach tag sales are significantly ahead of 2018 after the strongest May sales ever. All beaches except Surf Avenue will open Saturday, June 15th for bathing. Dr. Moffatt also received a request from residents of Lincoln Avenue asking for “stop for pedestrians in crosswalk” signage. Since it is a County road, they must provide signs and approve the placement. Bill Gibson and Bruce Graham will follow up.

REVIEW OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA: The Clerk reviewed the agenda items for June 13, 2019.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Catherine Busch announced the rain garden should be installed July 10 and 11.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk commented on how good everything looks around town.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 pm on motion of Commissioner vanHeeswyk, seconded by Mayor Moffat.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Mullock

Commissioner vanHeeswyk

Mayor Moffatt