

## CAPE MAY POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Aug 12, 2020 10:00 AM

**Start Time:** 10:03

**End Time:** 11:20

EC Members participating by videoconference due to Covid-19:

(X) Sandy Allison

(X) Paula Massanari

(X) Barb Bassett

(X) Commissioner Robert Mullock

(X) Catherine Busch, Chair

(X) Isabelle Neary

( ) Jamie Goren, Vice Chair

(X) Emelia Oleson

Others present: Mary Kelly, Chris Meyerink, Dick Saari, Stephanie Maggio, Jack Fichter, Amie Lynch, Arlene, Cathy Stambaugh

### 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:** On motion of PM, seconded by SA, the minutes of July 8, 2020 were unanimously approved.

**Correspondence:** Notice of Submission - CAFRA Coastal General Permit No. 2 - Beach and Dune Maintenance Activity (received from Bruce Graham, Borough Engineer, Cape May Point). CB briefly explained excerpt that was sent to members regarding beach maintenance; she has complete packet for those who wish to review.

### **Reports:**

- **Lake Lily:** CB shared email exchange with Saari on behalf of FLL maintenance of the westside beds, utilizing the Wildlife Gardener on the SW connecting bed and for possible additional plantings. This will be reviewed at the September meeting. If possible, additional plantings will occur in the Fall. PM noted that there are 5 existing beds. The Borough is reviewing the proposal from Princeton Hydro to develop a lake management plan.
- **Triangle Park:** The Wildlife Gardener is maintaining the perennial butterfly garden. IN and CB will meet next week with NJA Stewardship staff about the invasive plant removal contract which began on 8/1/20.
- **Beach:** RM reported that there is sand missing at certain beaches. Replenishment will occur in the Fall. Foliage does need to stay above the sand level. EO reported that the beach clean-up is scheduled for 9/26/20. Governor Murphy controls whether it will be held.
- **Bike Path:** No report
- **Green Team:** Met in the State Park for the first time in person since COVID-19 restrictions. Everyone was socially distanced and/or wore masks per state law. Actions have been submitted to the Sustainable NJ for comment and most have been approved. There are some follow-ups.
- **Commissioner Liaison:** [RM] The property at E. Lake and Oxford has been running putrid water across the street and into Lake Lily. The commissioners are working together to issue a cease and desist order. It was noted that CMP has a high-water table and that the pool measured to be larger than the approved drawing. CB noted that several years ago, the EC researched environmental issues of pools at the request of the Planning Board.
- **Planning Board:** See new business.

### **Old Business:**

- **Plant Labels for Rain Garden & Lake Lily:** Ed Grant has the information to purchase the plant tags for the Rain Garden and the SW end of Lake Lily.
- **Doug Tallamy's 'Homegrown National Park':** No follow-up
- **Mosquito Spray report from committee:** BB & IN reported that there are no NJ towns that have ordinances against mosquito spraying. All pesticide application companies must be licensed by the state. As a homeowner you have the right to ask them for their license and MSDS of what they are spraying. BB talked with Dr. Bozak, Mosquito Commission. He has concerns about the spraying for mosquitoes and the possibility of developing a resistance to the pesticide. Dunks are a better way to prevent mosquitoes. Ongoing education is needed in conjunction with the Asian Tiger Mosquito project.

**New Business:**

- EC comment on PB 2020-01 (415 Lincoln Ave.) - SA and EO looked at the 415 Lincoln property for impacts to the environment. The property owners are attempting to save as many of the trees as possible. The impervious coverage and natural coverage ratios looked good. The EC recommendation is to encourage planting of natives and to take care of the trees during construction.
- Bamboo Control: EO has just received a lot of materials from the state of CT. They have a mandate for no further plantings and control since it is considered a nuisance plant. Code enforcement is at the borough level. NJ has no ordinances at the state level, but the town of Linwood does. This topic will be reviewed again at next month's meeting.

**Announcements**

None

**Public Portion** [SA and PM opened.]

Dick Saari – Mosquito problem suggestion: People do not read signs so send a dunk and a letter to all homeowners. Cathy Stambaugh – A letter was sent to all homeowners last spring and dunks are available at the Beach Tag office. SA suggested that the information be provided at the Ice Cream Social, Civic Club, Bazaar, etc. CB will investigate the cost. The letter alone cost \$300-\$400.

Chris Meyerink – Can something be done about swimming pools at CMP since we have a high-water table? It was the consensus of the EC that the pool report should be sent again to the PB and to the Borough Commissioners.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by EO. Seconded by IN 11:20 AM