

CAPE MAY POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Borough Hall
March 11, 2020

Start Time: 10:01 am

End Time: 11:20 am

EC Members present:

(X) Sandy Allison

(X) Paula Massanari - via phone

(X) Barb Bassett - via phone

(X) Commissioner Robert Mullock

(X) Catherine Busch, Chair

(X) Isabelle Neary - via phone

(X) Jamie Goren, Vice Chair - via phone

(X) Emelia Oleson - via phone

Others present: Danielle Bara & Stephen Garcia, New Jersey Audubon

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.

Minutes: On motion of SA, seconded by PM the minutes of November 13, 2019, December 11, 2019 & January 8, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence: None

The first item under new business was moved before reports at the discretion of the chair.

- New Jersey Audubon Proposal: Invasive Plant Management at Triangle Park – Guests: Danielle Bara & Stephen Garcia reported on the invasive plant management proposal for Triangle Park. After discussion and questions a motion was made by SA, seconded by JG to recommend that the Borough Commissioners go forward with the proposal.
- The Borough will apply for an ANJEC Open Space Grant to help fund the project. The total NJA proposal for the three-year project is \$4,486.

Reports:

- **Lake Lily** - Treatment and removal of invasive vines continues with open areas being planted with appropriate plant materials such as sweet pepperbush. NJ Audubon will post signage as to project and directing questions to call them. Mullock referred to a letter from Friends of Lake Lily with questions about lake management and the status of approval for the sixth landscape bed. This discussion was put on hold until a meeting when more members present, more time allowed for questions, and more detailed plans are available.
- **Triangle Park** - Discussed above.
- **Beach** - The beach cleanup dates were approved by the Borough: April 25 and September 26, both 8:30-10:30 am. Meet at the side of the municipal building. Mullock emphasized that all work done on Borough property must have Borough approval. This includes beach, dunes, Lake Lily, Triangle Park, and Pavilion Circle. There is a need for proper

clearance for contractors, volunteers, private hired outside workers which must show proper insurance and detailed work to be done and why. SA suggested a printed checklist with signed and dated be drawn up and heads or chairs of all activities on public lands be advised as to need. Suggested also meeting with those individuals to discuss.

- **Bike Path** - no report
- **Green Team** - The Pledge to Support NJ Wildlife plan was presented to the Commissioners at the March 10 work session, and will be on the agenda at their April evening meeting. The other pending project is the Landscaping and Tree Protection Ordinances. Feedback was obtained on the EC recommendations, and the ordinances are being developed. The recertification application is due to Sustainable Jersey on May 17.
- **Commissioner Liaison** - The Coral Ave bump out and on East Lake is in process of finishing up. Work was done by Public Works. Mullock suggested a path way for walkers/bikers to get off Lighthouse Ave traffic at the East Lake bump out. Traffic reflectors are being installed along the edge. SA & CB will look into possible native plantings along the East Lake area.
- **Planning Board** - no report

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- New Jersey Audubon Proposal: Invasive Plant Management at Triangle Park – Guests: Danielle Bara & Stephen Garcia - see above
- ANJEC Open Space Grant application - see above
- Request from Commissioners to review and comment on “ANJEC Model Single-Use Bag Pollution Reduction Ordinance” - Was discussed and it was suggested the Borough meet with Red Store and Cape May Bird Observatory as to how it impacts their business. Reporting requirements and code enforcement was also discussed. Motion by CB, second by IN to forward comments to Commissioners.
- Salem Oak seedling – recommendation on planting location: Seedling is arriving April 22 and will need care until it is proper size to plant it. SA will adopt it.
- Annual Report for 2019 - Was approved on motion of JG and second by IN.

Announcements: none

Public Portion: none present

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by SA. second by CB 11:20 AM