

**CAPE MAY POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING via Zoom**

May 12, 2021 10 am

Start Time 10:04

End Time 11:20

EC Members present:

( ) Sandy Allison	(x) Paula Massanari
(x) Barb Bassett, Chair	(x) Isabelle Neary
(x) Commissioner Catherine Busch	(x) Emelia Oleson
(x) Elise Geiger	(x) Carol Sowers

Others present: Chris Meyerink, Dick Saari, Lynn Smith

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:** PM made a motion to approve the minutes. IN seconded and the minutes for April 14, 2021 were unanimously approved.

**REPORTS**

**Lake Lily:** CB reported that Clean Flo determined that one of the diffusers needs to be replaced. A natural biocide will be used to reduce algae growth and decrease muck. There will be a sonar scan this week to check the condition of the lake bottom. Water testing will be limited because Lake Lily is not used for swimming.

**Triangle Park:** CB stated that the borough may employ Dustin Welch to assist in the invasives in Triangle Park and Pavilion Circle. Triangle Park is a certified Monarch Waystation.

**Beach:** Due to reports of people entering the dunes, EG conducted a survey of the beaches for sign placement and type. This information was transmitted to CB with the possibility of adding signs on the ocean-side for a reminder in addition to the signs already posted at beach entrances.

**Green Team:** BB will add some topics to next month's agenda to be discussed.

**Commissioner Liaison:** CB indicated that the ordinance concerning the existing pool and spa maintenance has been tabled as more research is needed.

**Planning Board:** The EC has no comments on the two applications being heard by the Planning Board this month.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Mayors Monarch Pledge:** IN and PM provided an update on efforts to date. One hundred and fifty milkweed plants will be purchased for distribution to Cape May point residents. The details of the distribution will be worked out. PM will write a narrative explaining about the importance of milkweed to the monarch butterflies. BB will print out instructions for planting.

**EC Logo:** Logo #1 [See below.] was approved for use by the Commissioners. The Commissioners may also use a similar one for the Borough.



**Invasives in Pavilion Circle:** CB relayed that this is currently the busiest time for the Public Works Department and are tied up through mid-June. Possibly at the end of June, Public Works could jointly work with the EC on cutting back some of the invasives in the horseshoe bed near the pumphouse. This will be discussed further at the June meeting of the EC.

**Spotted Lantern Fly [SLF]:** A SLF article concerning the identification of instars is ready to be published in the CMP Taxpayers Bulletin in May/June.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC PORTION:** PM made a motion to move into the public portion of the meeting. IN seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Dick Saari asked about the sonar system being planned for Lake Lily. CB explained that the scan will be conducted this week. It will be compared to the last scan which was completed in 2007. In June, Chris Meyerink will conduct an 8'x8' test area for the removal of English Ivy. First the ivy is cut short, then covered with corrugated and finally mulch.

**ADJOURNMENT:** IN made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and to adjourn the meeting. SA seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.