OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Reorganization and Regular Meeting January 30, 2012 7:00 PM

Meeting began at 7:01 PM.

Call to Order – Flag Salute

Open Public Meeting Act – Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, sending copies of the notice of the meeting properly provided adequate notice of the meeting to the Asbury Park Press and the Press of Atlantic City. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Roll Call: Ed Covitz Pola Galie

Lorraine Flohr Don Lippincott

Members Absent: Heide Geary, Jack Henderson, Bob Knowles, Tom Leaming, Ken Bynoe

Committeeman Lachawiec was also present.

Secretary asked for a nomination for Chairman. Mr. Covitz nominated Don Lippincott for Chairman. Seeing no others, motions closed. Roll call: (aye) Covitz, Galie, Flohr. Abstain: Lippincott.

Secretary congratulated Chairman Lippincott and turned the meeting over to him at this time.

Chairman asked for a Vice-Chairman nomination. Chairman nominated Mr. Covitz. Seeing no others, motions closed. Roll call for Mr. Covitz as Vice-Chairman. Roll call: (aye) Flohr, Lippincott, Galie. Abstain: Covitz.

A motion was made by Mr. Covitz seconded by Ms. Galie to approve the November 28, 2011 minutes. All in favor: (aye).

Secretary brought the compost training program to the committee's attention. If anyone is interested in attending, speak to the secretary. Applications must be submitted by March 9th.

OLD BUSINESS

Consortium Update – Ms. Galie informed the board that the sub-committee is working on getting a "Save the Date" invitation out by mid-February. Speakers have been discussed to include Barnegat Bay Partnership, DEP, American Littoral Society, and a panel of folks for discussions. Limiting number of exhibitors other than invited municipalities to Sustainable NJ, NJ Forestry, MATES, Natural Lands Trust, Ocean County Environmental Commission, ANJEC and Clean Communities. Draft of the survey has been completed. Going through second draft at this time. All the current speakers are volunteering their time. Costs at this time look to be refreshments, printing, etc. Township Clerk has been asked about possibly having the Township cover the insurance for the day. Ms. Galie offered to speak to the Township Committee if need be. Ocean County Environmental Commission is excited about the Consortium. Date is May 2, 2012, from 3:00 – 8:00 PM. Senator Connors said he would like to do a welcome speech. Rough agenda

was gone over. Looking into having lanyards and or take home handout. Figuring cost may run about \$25 per person from the funders and anticipate about 100 people. No cost to the attendees. ANJEC is going to send invitations. Invitations are being sent to all Environmental Commissions in the Barnegat Bay Watershed. 37 municipalities are within the Barnegat Bay Watershed and will all be invited. Pat McCarty will also be volunteering. The Lighthouse Center has donated the use of the Center and all the grounds. Because we are bringing people in, they did ask about insurance coverage.

Chairman Lippincott commended Ms. Galie on the tremendous work she has put forth so far into making this a great success. Chairman Lippincott reminded everyone to work closely with our Liason Committeeman Lachawiec and the Township Clerk and secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speaker Helen Henderson from the American Littoral Society addressed the board and gave a power point presentation. After the presentation ended, Chairman Lippincott thanked Ms. Henderson for coming. The Commission was interested in the idea of planting a Bayscape garden at the school or at Town Hall or the Library.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Covitz, seconded by Ms. Galie. All in favor: (aye).
Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Beth O'Connor