

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

October 1, 2012

7:00 PM

Meeting began at 7:00 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	Bob Knowles	Pola Galie
	Heide Geary	Tom Leaming	
	Jack Henderson	Don Lippincott	

Members Absent: Lorraine Flohr, Ken Bynoe

A motion was made by Mr. Leaming, seconded by Ms. Galie to accept the minutes of September 10, 2012. All in favor: (aye).

Correspondence was reviewed regarding the clean-up walk.

OLD BUSINESS

Consortium Update – Ms. Galie spoke that all the existing planning committee are willing to be on board again this year. The “save the date” card is being worked on.

Ms. Galie spoke about the Environmental Congress on October 20th.

Annual Clean-Up Walk – Matt Ambrosio is reaching out to the county to make sure it is okay to take the golf cart on the trail. Matt assumes at this point it will be okay and to proceed as such. The Commission discussed the route they will take and the logistical issues of where the cart will have to cross. It is anticipated that a lot of garbage will be picked up in the woods. Matt will be providing gloves if anyone needs and garbage bags.

**

The Commission briefly discussed changing the times of the meetings in the future. Although most would like to go earlier, Ms. Geary is not sure if it will be a conflict with work. 6:00 would be preferred. We can revisit at the first of the year. We wouldn't do anything prior to the first of the year anyway and checking with the Township Committee also. No one wants Ms. Geary to have to rearrange her schedule.

**

Mr. Henderson spoke regarding expired flairs on boats. Mr. Henderson cannot find one agency who will take these flairs. Iboat suggested taking them to fire company. Could we take them during clean-up day if we could find what to do with them? This is a problem as they expire every three years. Maybe we could start asking questions. Mr. Leaming will check with the manufacturer of the flairs.

**

October 18th is another Barnegat Blitz. Clean-Up site may be Waretown Lake.

**

Ms. Galie spoke about the township clearing state land several weeks ago. Mr. Knowles will look into it.

**

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Leaming spoke about fishing in NY State. He learned you cannot take any fish for consumption within one month. You are allowed to eat one trout, one salmon, one bass, etc.. Mr. Galie added that Maine is the same way. In Maine it is because of the lyme deposits in the water.

End of year report will need to be done by Chairman Lippincott. Chairman will get together with secretary to take care of.

A motion to open to public was made by Mr. Leaming, seconded by Mr. Henderson. All in favor: (aye).

PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN

Adrian Socha, 109 Brookville Road approached and spoke to the board. Mrs. Socha spoke regarding invasive bamboo growing on their property. It has been planted by their neighbor and now grown onto the Socha property. Mrs. Socha brought with her documents that she passed out for the Commission. Mrs. Socha asked for assistance in approaching the Township Committee for an ordinance banning bamboo. Mr. Henderson inquired whether local nurseries are allowed to sell it – they are. Bamboo is faster growing than fragmites. Bamboo will force out local woodlands. No insects eat it. Mr. Leaming asked whether there are different species of bamboo, maybe non-spreading bamboo. There is clumping bamboo. Chairman suggested contacting Les Alpaugh. Ms. Galie has contacts that she can check with. Mrs. Socha also contacted the Pinelands Commission to no avail. Chairman Lippincott invited Mrs. Socha to come back at the next meeting. We will see if there is anyone from the Township Committee would like to come to the next meeting to discuss. The Commission would like to take a ride out to see Mrs. Socha's property prior to the next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Leaming, seconded by Mr. Henderson. All in favor: (aye).

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth O'Connor