

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
GREEN TEAM ADVISORY
Re-Org & Regular Meeting
JANUARY 31, 2022
5:00 PM
Meeting began at 5:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

• ROLL CALL

Diane B. Ambrosio	_____X_____
Thomas Leaming	_____X_____
Donald Lippincott	_____X_____
Kenneth Fekete	_____X_____
Lorraine Flohr	_____X_____
Thomas Freund	_____X_____
Patricia Mosier	_____Absent_____
Alt #1 Jack Henderson	_____Absent_____
Alt #2 Robert Knowles	_____X_____

FLAG SALUTE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT – PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY PROVIDED BY SENDING COPIES OF THE NOTICE OF MEETING TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY. THE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK AND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

REGULAR MEETING

NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON for the year 2022:

Donald Lippincott was nominated as Chairman for the year 2022 by Robert Knowles, seconded by Lorraine Flohr.

Diane B. Ambrosio	_____X_____
Thomas Leaming	_____X_____
Donald Lippincott	_____X_____
Kenneth Fekete	_____Abstain_____
Lorraine Flohr	_____X_____
Thomas Freund	_____X_____
Patricia Mosier	_____Absent_____
Alt #1 Jack Henderson	_____Absent_____
Alt #2 Robert Knowles	_____X_____

NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIRPERSON for the year 2022:

Thomas Leaming was nominated as Vice Chairman for the year 2022 by Robert Knowles, seconded by Donald Lippincott.

Diane B. Ambrosio	<u> X </u>
Thomas Leaming	<u> X </u>
Donald Lippincott	<u> X </u>
Kenneth Fekete	<u> Abstain </u>
Lorraine Flohr	<u> X </u>
Thomas Freund	<u> X </u>
Patricia Mosier	<u> Absent </u>
Alt #1 Jack Henderson	<u> Absent </u>
Alt #2 Robert Knowles	<u> X </u>

Meeting was officially turned over to Chairman Lippincott.

1. Old Business

For today's meeting, Diane Ambrosio introduced herself to the commission as the secretary, and as a member, of the commission. Mrs. Ambrosio discussed how the Environmental Commission and the Township are going to be renewing Sustainable Jersey and explained that the Township of Ocean is a bronze community in Ocean County. Mrs. Ambrosio discussed how the Township was the first bronze community in Ocean County. Mrs. Ambrosio discussed that she would make all commission members affiliate members so that they may be able to access the different objectives that have to maintained to keep the bronze status. The objective is to maintain bronze status because that awards us more points when the Township applies for grants.

2. New Business

3. Open Discussion among Member for the Good of the Committee

New commission member Kenneth Fekete inquired about several items that he felt were procedure based. Kenneth Fekete inquired about ordinances, annual reports, budgets, membership identification cards for the commission, and commission liability under the township.

Diane Ambrosio was able to answer all of Kenneth Fekete procedural inquiries. Mrs. Ambrosio led a discussion stating that the annual reports would be worked on and also addressed that the budget for the commission is minimal due to the commission's nature as an advisory committee. Further, Diane Ambrosio explained that there is not much of legal concern related to the Environmental Commission; however, if a legal concern were to arise the commission is covered under the insurance of the Township.

Kenneth Fekete discussed items that he would like to see the commission address moving forward: Barnegat Bay and the lagoons, the Ocean Windfarm, Forked River Powerplant, joining Barnegat in their seminar on flood insurance, professional organizations the commission should join, lantern flies, Shade Tree commission, grants that the commission should be pursuing.

Diane Ambrosio discussed initial concerns by addressing that the lagoons, while a concern of the township committee, are not owned by the town. Further, Diane Ambrosio elaborated that Waretown already joins Barnegat in relation to flood insurance. It is handled by Waretown's construction office once a year. Diane Ambrosio discussed that the major professional organization for the commission is ANJEC, and all commission members are members of that as well. Further, Diane Ambrosio explained that the Shade Tree work is handled through the Department of Public Works.

Chairman Lippincott discussed the main purpose of the commission, and explained that while the commission is advisory, it also generates a lot of ideas. The commission is also very involved in preserving the land and property in the Township.

Diane Ambrosio discussed how the Township has met with the Lighthouse Camp. Diane Ambrosio elaborated that the town's biggest concern is that the Township loses more property each year to the bay. Diane Ambrosio continued a discussion of living shorelines. Diane Ambrosio said that the state will allow hydraulic moving of the sand, but it is very expensive. Diane Ambrosio discussed that she hopes to have more conversations with the state regarding preservation of the shorelines. She would like to be able to preserve the lands and return all that has gone into the bay back where it belongs.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that it is very positive that the Lighthouse Camp has seen some success with preserving lands. The Lighthouse Camp is supported in their efforts by the studies put forward from Drexel University.

Chairman Lippincott discussed that maybe the commission could be involved in "Clean Up Weekend" again, and something for Founder's Day. Chairman Lippincott would also like to get some of the projects with donating, and planting trees going again. "Clean Up Weekend" is the weekend of June 10th and 11th.

Kenneth Fekete inquired about the difference between the Environmental Commission, and the Green Team.

Diane Ambrosio explained that the Green Team is established to be part of Sustainable Jersey. The Green Team is at the forefront of Sustainable Jersey, and the committee felt that the Environmental Commission and the Green Team coincide with their mission.

Kenneth Fekete inquired to have two points included for the next meeting: the Forked River Powerplant, and the windfarm.

Diane Ambrosio said Orstead would be happy to come do a presentation, and that they could do it at the firehouse. She said this way more people could attend, and the Environmental Commission could sponsor it.

- Discussion of Meeting Dates - 2022 @ 5 pm

- April 4, 2022
- June 6, 2022
- Aug. 1, 2022
- October 3, 2022

Kenneth Fekete motioned to approve the suggested meeting dates, seconded by Thomas Freund.

Diane B. Ambrosio	_____X_____
Thomas Leaming	_____X_____

Donald Lippincott	<u> X </u>
Kenneth Fekete	<u> X </u>
Lorraine Flohr	<u> X </u>
Thomas Freund	<u> X </u>
Patricia Mosier	<u> Absent </u>
Alt #1 Jack Henderson	<u> Absent </u>
Alt #2 Robert Knowles	<u> X </u>

Motion to Open for Public Comment:

Chairman Lippincott motioned to open meeting to the public. Seconded by Robert Knowles.

All in Favor: X Opposed NONE

Motion to Close Public Comment:

Chairman Lippincott motion to close meeting to the public. Seconded by Robert Knowles.

All in Favor: X Opposed NONE

Motion to Adjourn

Chairman Lippincott made a motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Robert Knowles.

All in Favor: X Opposed NONE

Signed and Submitted:

Amanda Bonfonti, Secretary
Environmental Commission

Date