

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
GREEN TEAM ADVISORY**

JUNE 06, 2022

5:00 PM

Meeting began at 5:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

ATTENDED BY: COMMITTEE WOMAN LYDIA DODD

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

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The approval of the meeting minutes, from the April 04, 2022 meeting, will be held until the next meeting on August 01, 2022 pending review.

2. Correspondence

There were five pieces of correspondence addressed to the Environmental Commission prior to the June 6th meeting: a set of plans from Professional Design Services, LLC., a legal notification of General Permit Application from High Tide Holdings, LLC., a Treatment Works application from Duffy, Dolcy, McManus & Roesch, a legal notification for an authorization under coastal general permit #22 from Jerome Associates, and a legal notification of an application for a Waterfront Development Individual Permit from Ocean Wind, LLC. Those pieces of correspondence were brought to the Commission meeting and made available for review.

1. Old Business

Chairman Lippincott inquired about an update for where the Township is at with the application for Sustainable Jersey.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that the application was submitted, and the Town is just waiting for Sustainable Jersey to confirm if the Township met all the requirements. Sustainable Jersey allows towns who need additional points after initial submission to resubmit for those additional points.

Diane Ambrosio discussed lagoon ownership as well. A handout was provided to the Environmental Commission to inform all the members about this information.

Diane Ambrosio discussed the annual Town-wide Clean Up Weekend being held on June 10th and 11th.

Members, participating from the Environmental Commission, are invited to attend and participate whenever they are able on Friday and Saturday.

Diane Ambrosio provided the Environmental Commission with an update on the Orstead project and discussed an upcoming meeting between the Township and the Orstead Solar Windfarm set to discuss when a public meeting for the residents of the Township of Ocean might be able to be held.

Orstead would like to wait to hold their public meeting until they are able to cohesively answer the questions that the residents of the Township of Ocean might have regarding the project, and any impacts to the town.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that there are currently two projects: the Orstead project happening off of Atlantic City and the windmill project outside of Barnegat. The two projects are not the same. Although, Orstead is consulting on Ocean Wind's project.

Ken Fekete suggested that Orstead give a presentation followed by a question, and answer session.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that that is what the Township Committee requested from Orstead.

Secretary Bonfonti informed the Environmental Commission that she was finally able to have them all signed up for the ANJEC membership. The membership includes access to resources, workshops, and publications. The information was distributed to Committee members.

2. New Business

Jack Henderson discussed the project currently going on at the Lighthouse center to restore the shore. The project applied for, and received, \$333,000 to use in restoring the shore. There are many groups involved, and the main question is how can the shoreline be restored as it is consistently being eroded.

Jack Henderson discussed the way that other groups attempt to restore the shorelines in other states. For example, in South Carolina and Delaware they put interlocking devices in the water to reduce the power of the waves that crash into them. Those devices also enable the sand and soil to pass through them in order for the soil to build up on the land.

The project at the Lighthouse camp is estimated to cost, approximately, \$1,200,000.

The Lighthouse Camp is planning to host a VIP gathering to showcase the project, and then a larger gathering for interested individuals to learn about the project.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that the WADs, the devices being implemented to restore the shorelines, have seen positive results. The fish are still able to move freely, and as the shoreline builds they are able to relocate those devices further into the water.

Jack Henderson also discussed the use of dredge material for restoration of the shoreline.

Diane Ambrosio agreed that the use of the dredge material to restore the shoreline would be cheaper than removal of the dredge material entirely, but they only want to do it into the marsh because its saltwater into saltwater.

Jack Henderson discussed that the use of dredge material, and restoring the shorelines at the end of our roads, is something Diane Ambrosio and the Township have been advocating for many years.

Jack Henderson discussed having an Environmental Commission meeting at the Lighthouse Center so that the commission can drive down to the shoreline and see what it looks like.

A conversation took place discussing the fees that the town paid for testing of the soil previously and surrounding the inevitable loss of Clearwater Drive, and eventually Tuscarora, to erosion if something is not done to prevent it.

Lorraine Flohr discussed that the Lighthouse Camp has also begun implementing the additional use of mesh bags with oysters and clam shells to prevent further erosion.

Motion to Open for Public Comment:

Diane Ambrosio motioned to open meeting to the public. Seconded by Lorraine Flohr.

All in Favor: Opposed NONE

No public comment.

Motion to Close Public Comment:

Diane Ambrosio motioned to close meeting to the public. Seconded by Jack Henderson.

All in Favor: Opposed NONE

Motion to Adjourn

Kenneth Fekete made a motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Robert Knowles.

All in Favor: Opposed NONE

Signed and Submitted:

Amanda Bonfonti, Secretary
Environmental Commission

Date