

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

Environmental Commission

April 29, 2024 – 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

Donald Lippincott	<u> X </u>
Thomas Leaming	<u>_absent_</u>
Richard Lipman	<u> X </u>
Lorraine Flohr	<u>_absent_</u>
Kenneth Fekete	<u> X </u>
John Lane	<u> X </u>
Diane B. Ambrosio	<u> X </u>
Alt #1 Jack Henderson	<u> X </u>
Alt #2 Robert Knowles	<u>_absent_</u>

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

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: April 01, 2024

Diane Ambrosio made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, from the April 01, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Fekete.

Donald Lippincott	<u> X </u>
Thomas Leaming	<u>_absent_</u>
Richard Lipman	<u> X </u>
Lorraine Flohr	<u>_absent_</u>
Kenneth Fekete	<u> X </u>
John Lane	<u>_abstain_</u>
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1. Correspondence

Secretary Bonfonti discussed that there was one piece correspondence, for the Environmental Commission, received for the April 01, 2024, meeting. It was a legal notification of an online GP10 NJDEP application seeking NJDEP approval to replace 80LF of bulkhead, including a 25LF boat slip at the property of 9 Point Rd.

2. Old Business

Diane Ambrosio discussed that there are three plans from the planning board to be reviewed by the Environmental Commission: two subdivisions, on Lighthouse Dr. and Illinois Ave., and the Southern Ocean Waretown Solar Farm, LLC.

Diane Ambrosio discussed the plans for the Southern Ocean Waretown Solar Farm, LLC. are for the land which used to be the landfill.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that the company will produce power for the grid and will definitively be connected to Oyster Creek. The main question currently being discussed is how it gets connected to Oyster Creek.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that there is some environmental concern that the wires, if buried to access Oyster Creek, might heat up and that the snakes which inhabit the area might react poorly to that.

Richard Lipman inquired as to what snakes live on the land out in the landfill.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that there are Rattlesnakes, and Pine snakes, that both live in the pinelands.

The Southern Ocean Waretown Solar Farm is about 20 acres of land and will be a very positive project for the Township of Ocean.

Tom Leaming arrived at 5:12 pm.

The Environmental Commission had no comments or recommendations for the plans reviewed from the Southern Ocean Waretown Solar Farm, LLC.

The Environmental Commission also discussed two sub-divisions, one on Lighthouse Dr. and one on Illinois Ave., and had no comments or recommendations for those plans either.

Lorraine Flohr arrived at 5:19 pm.

3. New Business

The Environmental Commission discussed the upcoming Town Wide Clean Up. Secretary Bonfonti discussed that the event will take place once more on Friday, June 7th, and Saturday, June 8th. The Environmental Commission discussed volunteer participation in the Town Wide Clean Up event, as well.

Tom Leaming discussed that he believed Ocean County would be holding another Flare Disposal event.

The date for the Ocean County Flare Disposal Event is June 1, 2024 by appointment only, and Ocean County residents/recreational boat owners are limited to a maximum of 10 flares per boater.

Diane Ambrosio also discussed that clean oil is also accepted at the Town Wide Clean Up.

Diane Ambrosio discussed that the Ocean County Shredding Event will also take place in the Town Hall parking lot on May 11th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Tom Leaming discussed that himself, Bob Knowles, and Jack Henderson attended the Arbor Day ceremony that the Frederic A. Priff School hosted. One of the school's 6th grade classes presented facts about trees and their importance to our community.

Tom Leaming also discussed he recently assisted in launching an air boat with two engineers who were taking core samples for a dredging disposal site in order to dredge lagoons.

Motion to Open for Public Comment:

Diane Ambrosio motioned to open for public comment, seconded by Tom Leaming.

All in Favor: Opposed NONE

No public comment.

John Lane motioned to close for public comment, seconded by Lorraine Flohr.

All in Favor: Opposed NONE

Motion to Adjourn

Tom Leaming motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Diane Ambrosio.

All in Favor: Opposed NONE

Meeting Dates 2024 – 5:00 pm

June 3
September 3
September 30
November 4
December 2

Signed and Submitted:

Amanda Bonfonti, Secretary
Environmental Commission

Date