

CAPE MAY POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

This meeting was held via Zoom Meeting.

Time: September 9, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Start Time 10:03

End Time 11:11

EC Members present:

(X) Sandy Allison

(X) Paula Massanari

(X) Barb Bassett

(X) Commissioner Robert Mullock

(X) Catherine Busch, Chair

(X) Isabelle Neary

(X) Jamie Goren, Vice Chair

(X) Emelia Oleson

Others present: Dick Saari, Stephanie Maggio, Jack Fichter, Dan Rudd

AGENDA

Sunshine Law Statement – This meeting was properly advertised in the Cape May Star & Wave and duly posted at the Borough Municipal Building in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

The EC is still looking for a secretary. Barb Bassett volunteered to take today's notes.

Minutes: On motion of PM, seconded by IN, the minutes of August 12, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence: None.

Reports:

• **Lake Lily:** RM applying for reimbursement via the grant. There may be a ribbon cutting ceremony. CB mentioned EG was reviewing the Princeton Hydro proposal. RM thought the proposal cost was high. There have been algal blooms but then they abate themselves. CB stated that it would be helpful to have an overall plan for managing the lake. Princeton Hydro was identified as a reputable company. There are others. RM will get with Ed Grant and the Friends of Lake Lily to discuss. A grant writer is being hired by the town.

• **Triangle Park:** IN and CB met with NJAS Stewardship Department personnel concerning invasive vine removal. They will notify Bill Gibson when working. Steven Garcia, NJAS, will be taking videos for use in a presentation next Spring.

• **Beach:** The beach clean-up that is scheduled for 9/26/20 was discussed. Due to COVID-19 concerns the clean-up is being cancelled. The cancellation does not affect the Clean Communities grant. Communication will occur via the Cape May Point website and calendar and the Cape May Point Taxpayer's newsletter.

• **Bike Path:** No report

• **Green Team:** Recertification deadline is Friday. CB finished Green Infrastructure (Rain Garden and Impervious Pavement). There is a Green Team meeting Monday, September 12, 2020.

- **Commissioner Liaison:** RM is not running for re-election and thanked the EC for their important work. There are no updates concerning beach replenishment.

- **Planning Board:** The Planning Board will review 415 Lincoln - EC comments were provided.

Old Business:

- Plants labels: Ed Grant has the information to purchase the plant labels for the Rain Garden and the SW end of Lake Lily. Still waiting on approval from Sustainable Jersey to purchase.
- SW Lake Lily: The Wildlife Gardener will be hired to connect the bed, transition to large shrubs, and remove invasives. SA, CB and Chris Meyerink (FLL) to meet and review the plan with him. Timing is TBD.

New Business:

- Bamboo Control - EO and JG researched and recommend the Linwood, NJ ordinance to be used as the blueprint for a Cape May Point ordinance. RM supports such ordinance since bamboo grows into other properties, destroying decks, etc. JG and EO made a resolution to have the commissioners create a bamboo ordinance. CB will forward recommendation to Borough.
- A request was received to remove a pine tree in the borough's right of way at West Lake and Cedar. CB confirmed that it was a Japanese Black Pine. EO also reviewed the site and noted that the tree was covered in vines. Right of Way maintenance is not covered in any borough ordinances. BB suggested that the tree should remain for now, but the vines should be removed. IN seconded and all agreed. CB will forward recommendation to Borough.
- SA informed the commissioners that there was a party with balloons at Stites Beach. There is an ordinance that prohibits balloon release. We need to protect our beaches. RM will bring up at the next commissioners' meeting.

Announcements

None

Public Portion [SA and PM opened.]

Dick Saari questioned the Princeton Hydro quote since it is about \$40k compared to \$6k for Solitude. PM noted that the Princeton Hydro quote is for a survey to create a lake management plan; not just for treating the lake. There was a recommendation to get quotes from other companies.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by JG. Seconded by EO 11:11 AM