

## CAPE MAY POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Start Time 10:04

End Time 11:20

EC Members present:

(X) Sandy Allison

(X) Paula Massanari

(X) Barb Bassett, Chair

(X) Isabelle Neary

(-) Commissioner Catherine Busch

(X) Emelia Oleson

(X) Elise Geiger

(X) Carol Sowers

Others present \_\_\_\_\_

Sunshine Law Statement – The 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.

Minutes: Approval of minutes from October 13, 2021 were unanimously approved after a motion by EG and seconded by SA.

### **Reports:**

- **Lake Lily:** [PM] Three Friends of Lake Lily board members have resigned: Dick Saari, Fred Day and Paula Massanari. Chris Meyerink is the new chairperson. They are seeking new board members.
- **Triangle Park:** Many of the cedars are dying in the park. It is unclear why.
- **Beach:** As a reminder, dogs are only allowed on the beach from November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Green Team:** Review of Plastic Bag Ban Education [PM/BB]: [BagUpNJ.com](http://BagUpNJ.com) is a good place to find current information concerning the upcoming bag ban. SA (Homestead) and EG (CoastLine) will check with the realtors to ascertain their plans for communication with renters. PM offered to create a poster that could be displayed at the post office and city hall. EO offered to find out where the recycling magnets were purchased.
- **Commissioner Liaison:** BB gave the update with notes from CB who was attending a lake management course.
  - The ordinance to revise the Landscaping portion of the Zoning Chapter passed at the Oct. 14 Commissioners' meeting and is now in effect for new applications to the Zoning Officer.
  - She spoke with Kristen Meistrell about providing support from Public Works this winter on New Jersey Audubon's invasive removal projects at Lake Lily and Triangle Park. NJA has had staffing issues which should improve by then.
  - BB and CB marked the Tree of Heaven on the dunes at Crystal Ave. and stumps at Pavilion Circle for Public Works to remove and treat as needed.
  - She received an update on the printing of "Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Area" (ordered on behalf of the EC) which they hope will happen in December.
  - She will share lessons learned from the Lake Management course at a future meeting.
- **Planning Board:** [BB] Nothing to report.

### **On-going Business:**

- **Invasives in Pavilion Circle: Update** [EG/BB] The group consisting of some EC members and Bedfellows has continued to work on the Horseshoe bed in Pavilion Circle. Great progress has been made. Now that the summer has passed, Public Works will also be able to assist with the heavier work.
- **Mayors' Monarch Pledge:** [PM/IN] Mark Garland gave a presentation about Monarchs to the Civic Club. It was well received. We have fulfilled our action items for the 2021 pledge.

**New Business:**

BB raised the question was as to whether people would be able to attend the December meeting. The answer was affirmative, so the meeting was left on the calendar.

**Correspondence:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Public Portion:** The public portion was opened at 11:13 AM. There were no comments.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by SA and seconded by PM. The Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.