

## CAPE MAY POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

May 11, 2022 – 10:00 am

Start Time: 10:01 am

End Time: 10:38 pm

EC Members present:

(x) Sandy Allison

(x) Paula Massanari

(x) Barb Bassett, Chair

(x) Isabelle Neary

(x) Commissioner Catherine Busch

(x) Emelia Oleson

(x) Elise Geiger

( ) Carol Sowers

### 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.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of EG, seconded by PM, the minutes of April 13, 2022 were approved.

### ON-GOING BUSINESS

- Pavilion Circle Update:
  - EG reported that CB, M. Kelly, C. Meyerink and she worked Monday (May 9) in Pavilion Circle and made progress on the larger garden bed.
  - CB stated that the first section on the right will be ready for planting when shrubs arrive and mulch is delivered. EG, PM, and BB confirmed their availability on Monday to assist.
  - CB said Bill Gibson will be following up with the vendor on our plantings; she also said that she spoke to him about grading at the site without the use of heavy equipment to prevent any damage.
- Mayors' Monarch Pledge:
  - BB shared her screen so members could review what possible actions could be taken by the Borough.
  - For Action 19, while we are not giving any plants this year, we meet the obligations through borough plantings. Plantings in Pavilion Circle, at Lake Lily and in the dunes (Dune Day) also contributes to the requirement to add and maintains pollinators.
- Salem Oak:
  - The Salem Oak continues to be in BB's care with SA helping to water it.
- Commissioner Liaison:
  - CB stated that there are 2 resolutions at May 12 Borough Regular Meeting that are related to the EC. The first is an authorization for the application to the New Jersey Forestry Service for a green communities' grant. The second is to request permission for the dedication by rider for donations to a community tree fund.
  - CB stated that she has been grateful to EG for her efforts related to community forestry and planting.
  - After our last meeting where the EC agreed to support the community forestry plan, BB wrote a letter from the Environmental Commission to Borough Commissioners to document support, which was then noted in the resolution.
  - Finally, Clean Flow did their first treatment of Lake Lily. They were not worried about the algae bloom because the water level was so low from a dry spring.

- Green Team:
  - In the July EC meeting BB will review what action items we currently do that will apply to Sustainable New Jersey (SNJ). Between the actions that don't expire (70 points) and the ones that do (55 points) we are already at 125 points.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The May 18 meeting of the Planning Board has been cancelled.
- SA announced that the Cape May Point Civic Club is hosting a meeting at 12:30 on May 12 at the Fire House where Atlantic City Electric will be presenting on the home energy audit program. CB and BB confirmed this can count as a GT activity.
- SA also announced that Saturday, May 14 the Garden Club of Cape May is hosting their Flower Show at Convention Hall in Cape May from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Admissions is free (accepting donations) and there will be free refreshments.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION/ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of SA, seconded by PM, the meeting was opened to the public. When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned on motion of EG, seconded by PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly L. Redington, Deputy Clerk