

Borough of West Long Branch

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2015

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MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH OF WEST LONG BRANCH
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of West Long Branch was convened on May 13, 2015 6:00 PM in the Borough Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Lisa Conte Wiener, Chair
Felicia Costantino
Carolyn Serebreny
Parker Crawford
Margaret Johnson

Not Present: Chuck Ficca
Ellen Twigg

Also Present:

1. Lisa Conte Wiener called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Administrative Matters

a. The secretary took attendance.

b. The secretary confirmed the meeting to be in compliance with the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act. (N.J.S.A.10:4-6).

c. Meeting minutes April 8, 2015 were approved.

3. Correspondence: Notification came in from Clean Water Action regarding part time employment.

4. Ongoing business

a. Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association report – Carolyn advised that they were planting a butterfly garden at the Elinore Avenue park in Long Branch on May 19th. May 15th and 16th the Monmouth County Master Gardeners were having their Spring plant sale at 4000 Kozlowski Road in Freehold. There is a new bridge over the stream on Monmouth Road which crosses into Ocean Township. There is a meeting at Faith Tietlebaum's home on May 20th.

b. Environmental Partnership – Carolyn advised that Little Silver is opening a Community Garden May 16th. She said it costs \$50 a plot. She said that they actually paid someone to put in 4 raised beds. She was told they used Open Space funds. Carolyn said that she was hoping someone else could pick up this meeting, which is every 1st Monday of the month.

c. Sustainable New Jersey Program – Parker was not able to access email yet so he had no report. Clean Ocean Action has a program for the decals of fish on the drains, which he will look into. Frank Antonides school has an environmental program which may have a group of kids who want to do this.

d. Geese report – Nothing new. Lisa again discussed the success of the “Geese Patrol” and the fact that there are no geese complaints because it works.

e. WLB Community Garden – Nothing new. The EC is still exploring possible sites. They need a site that has water available.

f. Recycling Event – The Recycling Event on May 2nd was a big success. They actually had to turn some people away there was so much stuff. The Big Brothers and Big Sisters group was very happy and want to participate at the next event also. Over 1,000 lbs. of clothing was collected as well as 500 lbs. of miscellaneous household items. There was over 4 tons of shredding and over 2,000 lbs. of electronics. There was a line out to the street. The next event would probably be in October.

g. Ronan Park cleanup will be done in the Spring. Felicia will check with the school and try to pick a date, with the Surfrider group.

h. New Business – Nothing new.

5. Site Plan Review with Shade Tree Commission –

1. Hagerman- A home office application was of no concern to either the EC or STC.

2. Auto Zone- Located where the Diner is on Route 36. The EC had concerns about how waste will be stored, as it is close to wetlands and a stream. The STC had concerns about the loss of the large trees and what was being used to replace the trees. The STC intended on visiting the site, and then they would send a memo or go to the meeting.

6. Closing Items

a. Announcement of next meeting of the WLBEAC would be June 10, 2015, 6:00 PM.

b. The meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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Environmental Commission Secretary