

Go to Meeting

March 25, 2021

7:56 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission took place on a Go to Meeting with the following present: Blaise Scibetta Deputy Mayor, Erica Napolitano Chairperson, Joe Rullo Deputy Chairperson, Arlene Keenan Recording Secretary, George Garbaravage, Roberta Rapisardi, Kim Wojcik and Carol Evans.

Salute to the Flag

Approval of Minutes from February 25, 2021 meeting

Erica introduced Tanara Hall from Island Heights Environmental Commission to give us a presentation on how we can move up to silver certification with Sustainable New Jersey. Tanara showed us several ways to move up by keeping track of the Township's utility bills, vehicle tracking, wildlife and community gardens, residents to take a pledge to buy local and town wide garage sales.

Joe Rullo asked about community garden, Wildlife Habitat Certificate requirements. Erica will follow-up with Tanara.

Erica made a motion for approval of flyer and tee shirt design. Carol said flyer was hard to read. We started discussing Great Bay Blvd. didn't need to be cleaned up by us as there were two other groups going out and that was the area they are doing. Other places suggested were Mystic Island Casino area, Calabrese Way, Gravely Point, Community Center and Boat Launch area on Radio Rd. Carol will get gloves and bags. We should also separate trash and recycling. Flags will be available to mark the area if any needles were found. Vote on approval for design of flyers and tee shirts. Everyone agreed.

Joe Rullo suggested to create meme of logo for the internet.

Roberta said day of clean up we will meet at Town Hall. Supplies and shirts will be given out to volunteers with areas to be cleaned. We will end up at the Community Center for lunch.

Kate said Township website not working and she could not register. Roberta said registration flyer with link not out yet.

Carol suggested if Town Hall was not open for restrooms we should get porta potties.

Motion for Public Comment.

Carol Goode said that most of the debris we will be picking up is mostly from newspaper mailbag. Can anything be done about them? If there is an ordinance it should be enforced. Erica will look into it who can enforce. Joe said the newspaper should have an up-to-date list also paper bags verses the plastic. Carol said the governor may impose against plastic bags.

Joe said we should get a campaign going to cut the straps on masks we have been wearing for Covid-19 and not to throw them out the windows. This is a hazard to our wildlife. Erica suggested to do that on facebook as reminds to the public.

Robin Burr (Environmental Commission previously) he needs two volunteers to help clean Blue Bird boxes and monitor what you see. These boxes are located in the sports complex at the top of hill. Big white pole with boxes on top. You can always see Blue Birds.

Motion to close the Public portion of the meeting.

Erica reminded everyone that Arbor Day is April 30th. It will be a following up after Earth Day. Roberta informed everyone that the County has a program that gives out saplings and will look into it for the future. Members agreed this was a good idea.

Motion to adjourn meeting 9:17.

Minutes approved April 22, 2021

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Arlene Keenan

Recording Secretary