

September 23, 2021

Meeting called to order 6:36

A regular meeting of the Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission took place at Town Hall with the following present: Erica Napolitano Chairperson, Joe Rullo Deputy Chairperson, Arlene Keenan Recording Secretary, Roberta Rapisardi, Chuck Griffin and Carol Evans Alternate.

Salute to the Flag.

Approval of minutes from August meeting.

Roberta presented the vision statement for the Environmental Commission. Suggestions and changes made and it reads as follows:

The Little Egg Harbor Environmental Commission is comprised of community volunteers who are passionate about improving the quality of life for our residents by protecting our unique environment, educating the youth and community on sustainable habits and different ecosystems, along with supporting all activities in the community that impact protection, use and restoration of natural resources and open space.

Suggestions for our commission banner were made and Erica will check with NJLogowear.

Roberta reported the we had 148 people sign up for Town wide clean-up day, 59 were from Osborne Island. Suggestions were made to do 7 Bridges Rd. and Radio Rd. Also, to stay away from Rt. 9 due to the traffic from the Duck Decoy Show. Other areas of concern were 7-11 area, Dump Rd. and the Community Center. Tee shirts are ready. For next year maybe we can have businesses adopt a street.

Blue bird update: No charges and Blue Bird watch done for the season.

Erica reported Radio Rd. crash data. Cheryl stated the pedestrians can cross midblock however they must yield to cars. This is different from crosswalk locations. At marked cross walks drivers must stop

and stay stopped for pedestrians. Jason Worth has applied for the grant again. Jason has updated us on the following:

1. Mystic Island Drainage Improvements Phase 2 – The construction should be starting in 2 weeks and includes storm drainage and paving improvements to East/West Mullica, East/West Delaware and East/West Mohawk.
2. Improvements to Sea Breeze Drive and Tradewinds Drive – Construction should begin in about a month and includes storm drainage and paving improvements to both of these roads.
3. Reconstruction of the Soccer and Football Fields at the Recreation Complex – Construction is to begin after 11/1 and will include the reconstruction and regrading of all 4 soccer fields and the football field, including new underdrains, soil amendments, storm drainage, etc.
4. We anticipate receiving DEP and Army Corp permits soon for both the Mystic Beach and Parkertown Beach replenishments. At both sites the beaches will be greatly expanded beyond what is there now with stone breakwaters/jettys built for future protection. The Parkertown Dock area will also get a parking lot and tot lot restoration.

Harvest Festival is October 23. We have applied for a table for the commission. Hopefully we will have our table banner for this event. What we will have on our table will be give aways for the children along with shop local bags.

No one from the public present.

Joe Rullo got the final count from Robin on the Blue Birds as 52.

Motion to adjourn 8:01