

Go to Meeting

February 25, 2021

7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the new Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission took place on a Go to Meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions. The following committee members were present George Garbaravage, Chuck Griffin, Arlene Keenan, Erica Napolitano, Roberta Rapisardi, Joe Rullo and Kim Wojcik with alternates Carol Evans and Colleen Forest. Also present were Blaise Scibetta Deputy Mayor, Diana McCracken Township Clerk and Jason Worth Township Engineer.

Blaise asked for nominations for Chairperson. Arlene nominated Erica and second by Blaise. Joe was nominated by Blaise for Vice Chairperson and second by Carol. Blaise nominated Arlene for Recording Secretary and seconded by Erica.

Meeting was turned over to Erica.

George suggested quarterly meeting stated that there was not enough to discuss. Blaise said we will stick to monthly meetings and if needed we can drop down to quarterly.

Open to the Public: no one present

Closed to the Public

Township Engineer Jason Worth introduced himself and gave us his background. He will be available for any meetings. He listed projects town working on:

\*Replacing lightbulbs on street lamp posts. This would be changing 1400 bulbs to LED lights.

\*Living Shoreline Project the township received several grants to raise the street leve and rebuild the shoreline which won several awards.

Jason also stated that the new Environmental Commission will act as the Green Team which helps the Township get certification to receive grants.

Carol said contacts for Atlantic City Electric Ken Moska and Bill Edwards for replacement of light bulbs.

Arlene stated the ends of lagoons on Twin Lakes are still causing flooding. Jason said they are trying to get in touch with owners to be bulkheaded and Township will have to do the ones they own.

Jason said the Township has looked into solar for a long time. It would be on the Town Hall roof, over the parking lot and retention basin. Atlantic City Electric Co. can't support the power it would generate and they need to upgrade on their end. Joe said Great Bay substation is doing some upgrades. Jason said it is not enough.

Joe wants clean up in town stating that there is a lot of masks, plastic bags and water bottles around. He said the lot across from the Mystic Casino is full of shot bottles.

Carol said they had to cancel 4 clean-ups last year due to covid-virus. Hopefully we can do some this year.

Blaise stated himself and his family participated in the community clean-up on Earth Day and hope we can do this again.

Erica agreed with the clean-up and said prevention for the future garbage build-up is needed. We have to start planning now.

George said what was done in the past in educating the children in school is not being done now.

Carol said we need recycling program at the park.

Blaise thanked everyone for being on the committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:19 p.m.