



LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
from the Pinelands to the Bay

Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission
July 27, 2023
Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. **Open Public Meeting Statement** This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Notice of this meeting of **July 27, 2023** was duly advertised, posted in the Municipal Complex, and has remained posted as required underneath the aforesaid statute. The secretary is directed to include a record of this statement in the minutes of this meeting.
 4. In attendance: Kathy Tucker, Chuck Griffin, Erica Napolitano, Joe Rullo, Arlene Keenan, Roberta Rapisardi. Alternates Colleen Forest and Gabe Franco and Christine Moran for the **Green Team**
Also Blaise Scibetta and Ken Laney of the LEHT government were in attendance.
 5. Approval of minutes for June 22, 2023
 6. Educational Outreach Specialist Becky LaBoy and Bailey Sanders from the **Ocean County Conservation District** gave a presentation on native plants and the **Jersey-Friends Yards Certification Program**. Their goal is for clean water and a healthy habitat. You can get more info on these topics at www.jerseyyards.org or www.jerseyyards.org/certification-program/. There is also a great wealth of information about bluebirds in NJ at www.NJBlueBirdSociety.org/index.html
 7. The LEHT Environmental Commission **website** was discussed:
 - Do we have more text to replace the Lorem Ipsum placeholder ?
 - In the project section, do we want our projects listed separately or together under one big gallery?
 - Do we have any copy, forms or links that can be used in the "get involved" section ?
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8. **Orsted Mariners Briefing, Mid Atlantic** Notice on July 20, 2023
Scientific Monitoring Rutgers and Monmouth University researchers will be conducting multi method fisheries surveys using a combination of acoustic telemetry, eDNA sampling, fish tagging, gut sampling, rod and reel sampling, towed cameras, clam dredge and bottom trawl. The surveys will take place in and around Ocean Wind I.
Survey Dates: July 17-30, weather depending.
9. Gabe Franco will be looking into ideas for the **Greenfair**.
10. LEHT Engineer can apply for a grant for **wildlife crossings**
11. Mayor Blaise Scibetta will be meeting with AC Elec to discuss installing solar panels, street lights and the required substation

Adjourn

Upcoming Events

~~June 3, 2023 LEHT Flea Market~~
~~July 15-16, 2023 Garage Sale~~
~~August 1, 2023 National Night Out~~
Sept. 23, 2023 Decoy Show
Oct. 14, 2023 Fall Clean up (joint with Tuckerton ?)
Oct. 21, 2023 Harvest Festival
Oct. 28, 2023 Trunk or Treat

Next mtgThursday August 24, 6:30 PM