

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission October 26th, 2023 Minutes

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:38 PM
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- Open Public Meeting Statement This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public
 Meeting Law. Notice of this meeting of October 28th, 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, Arlene Keenan, Erica Napolitano, Carol Evans and Christine Moran for the **Green Team**
- 5. Approval of minutes for September 23, 2023
- 6. Recap of Community Wide Cleanup will be tabled until the December 28th, 2023 meeting.

7. Public Comments

Harry Cross (908-770-6607) presented the "Handy Grabber" which is sold by Harbor Freight tools for \$2.97. He was on the Open Space Committee in Monmouth County. Can we supply these for people who attend our Community Wide Clean Ups? Maybe they could be "signed out" for the day? Ocean County Clean Communities might be willing to help. Co.Ocean.NJ.US.

Harry also expressed support for the Community Gardens Project.

We also discussed an Adopt a Road Project.

Emily Walsh discussed her **Community Gardens Project**. She is offering to begin the project without the financial support from LEHT. There is a green house at the Junior High School that might be usable. Water can be supplied via a rain barrel system. She will present this revised plan at the next LEHT meeting.

Dan Connors from Aris Wind Smart Pole www.aris-re.com gave a presentation about solar/wind powered light pole that has been installed at the LEHT recreation field. The data from this solar/wind project would be available to the schools for STEM (Science, Tech, Energy,Math) projects. The pole is 30 ft tall and has cell phone charging ports.

Blaise We should be eligible for tax credits for the use of renewable energy and also **OC Sustainability** credits. This is a pilot project. We are the first municipality in NJ to install a Smart Pole. We could possibly use this concept all over LEHT.

Arlene mentioned that our town cleanup is growing and that **Roberta** will give a report at the next LEHT meeting.

Adjourn

No meeting in November (Thanksgiving)

Next meeting Thursday December 28 @ 6:30 PM