

Pitman Environmental Commission

September 6, 2018

Chairman Robert Holwitt

The regular meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission was held on Thursday September 6, 2018 at 7:31.

ATTENDANCE:

Tom Slencamp; Dare Euler; Ellen Brooks; Josh Hitchner; Council Person liason Mike Razzo

Public :

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made to approve June Minutes by Tom, Second Dare all approved with changes..

BUDGET:

Lake testing budget: \$2531.25 has been spend between August and July bill per Bob (10/4/18 correction)

Additional funds may be able to be used toward water bottles this year. 1,400 bottles @ \$2,023.33, delivered from BlueSoda Promo

ANJEC presentation should be removed from budget, cost TBD

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS :

SHADE TREE: Josh Hichner :

AC Electric tree trimming- has taken place on Pitman Ave. Judy worked with them to minimum tree loss and damages.

Grove Tree Replacement- Groff's Nursery will replace 3 of the 4 trees that they installed last fall that have died

Paul Blass has asked the commission to be mindful of trees on public property that need attention

\$350.00 for tree replacements in Ballard Park (1 White Dogwood and 1 Tulip Tree)

\$215.00 for tree planting on public property TBD (3 Southern Magnolias) (Shertel Park)

Dare Made a motion to spend \$565 on 5 trees, Seconded by Ellen. (NOTE: These amounts have been revised to \$325 and \$201 for a total of \$526 and was encumbered per revision of minutes 10/4/18)

Looking for grant for street tree improvements, Broadway, Reaching out to Clean Communities, and Municipal Alliance.

Tree replacement for Betty Park, Interplant between the Sycamores. Also looking into grants.

EDUCATION: Dare Euler:

Back to School Pop Up Park on 6-8pm. 9/20, Dare suggested we have a presences there, she will be away. Ellen to reach out to Dani for help. Butterfly Parade date, TBD- Dare will update commission on the date, end of September.

RECYCLING: Fred Rodi - Absent

AIR & WATER: Ellen Brooks- Comments listed in Budget.

OPEN SPACE: Danielle -Absent

PLANNING: Tom Slenkamp

MOTUS- Proposed project is not something in the near future based on Tom's feedback from project manager Lonnie Unger from EDP Soccer. An informal agreement has been approved by the board at Rowan back in December. Property owners in plan have not agreed to sell privately held land. By entering into Redevelopment Agreement means Pitman would lose zoning rights. Many negative environmental impacts can come from a development project upstream of Alcyon Lake. Noise, nutrients, and traffic pollution.

LIPARI/ALCYON: Bob Holwitt- Absent

Academy of Natural Sciences, still waiting on date.

Unfinished Business:

Earth Day:

Alcyon Woods Preservation

ANJEC date TBD- Mike is sure we can have this event at the Borough property. Screen can be installed in Council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Native tree flyers sent out to residents or available in Borough Hall. Can work with local nurseries.

Possible Bald Eagle nest on park property

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission will be on October 4th at 7:30 p.m.

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business Dare made a motion to adjourn, second Ellen & the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm

cc: Environmental Commissioners

Mayor Johnson and Council