

## **Pitman Environmental Commission**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

### **Chairman Robert Holwitt**

The regular meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission was held on Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 7:30.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Robert Holwitt; Tom Slencamp; Ellen Brooks; Josh Hitchner; Patrice Sheehan; Dare Euler; Dani Cooke; Council Person Matt Weng

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made to approve December Minutes by Dani, Change to read for Planning: "redevelopment of the SONY TRACT" Second Dare, all approved.

**BUDGET:** not received for 2019. Update: Steve Constadine rejected money to be encumbered for a movie event, but money for Northcreek Nursery is encumbered Bob thinks but he will check with Nancy. We received renewal for ANJEC \$370 for commissioners and \$25 for associates. Last year was \$450 – motion to approve by Tom, Dani second – all approved. Bob will submit for same people as last year. The budget items that we were going to take from for \$600 we will wait for final budget to see.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS :**

**OPEN SPACE: Danielle Cooke-** Nothing

**PLANNING: Tom Slenkamp** – Preliminary report on Sony property to be an area in need of development. Public hearing Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, then planning and then council has final say. Bob asks then is it better for a potential developer? This worked for the old hotel site. May open up to State funding, tax abatements, can't hurt. Assessed value has decreased. Josh asked what is the wetlands acreage as there are different estimates – maybe 9.8. Also question of conservation easement, but where is it. Maybe up to the tracks where the boundary is. If you have questions, ask Tom. When Matt was here he gave an update on the Armory – Feb 2020 is a target date for the cleanup.

**SHADE TREE: Josh Hichner** – Time from Tree City USA, will be checking with Judy, Fred and Andy. Date for volunteer event is Saturday 1/26 to find volunteers for litter cleanup, mulching trees. MLK day is Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, maybe we could ask if kids could do a day of service Dare suggests. Dare will talk to Judy to see what we need to do. We can have waivers when the parents bring kids. Need gloves and trash bags – Matt may be able to supply with Clean Communities.

**EDUCATION: Dare Euler:** done

**RECYCLING: Fred Rodi** – Dare puts her trash out, but today they took stuff from behind the carport, which is commendable. They have concluded leaf collection, now will do storm drain cleaning and he will be getting his numbers together for annual tonnage report. (by email)

**AIR & WATER: Ellen Brooks** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade tree team – do we want to do it again this year. We don't want Norway spruces. Josh suggests that we request something else. We pay for the shipping – motion if we can get other trees, by Dare, Tom second, all approved. These come in April or March.

**LIPARI/ALCYON: Bob Holwitt-** Received our Lake report from Solitude. Bob read the report. The inlet and the outlet were studied. Some exceedences for nitrates, all 3 times at both locations, water clarity at the inlet, once at the inlet.

Overall the water quality is not bad. Photo plankton, low abundance of nuisance plankton, generally at non-problematic densities. Nitrate levels most likely due to residential. Hydrilla mentioned in the 2014 survey and that we should do more studies. Patrice will ask Judy to put the report on Boro web site. Nitrates 0.3mpl limit was over 3 at the inlet – but outlet was lower. Suggestions to maybe grade the parking lot by football field and volleyball field. Fertilizer is applied to the football field.

**Landfill:** nothing to update. Transition is supposed to be end of 2019

**Unfinished Business:**

**Alcyon Woods Preservation:** Disc golf course. They have proceeded and got council to approve. Our minutes requested plans and we would vote this month. Bob will contact Mike to put project on pause so that we can meet with parks and rec. and get them to do what they said they would do. We want to see the plans of the layout to see the impact on wildlife and trees. We never did vote on it, Council needs to know that and we need to have them stop cutting larger trees without proper permission, building the course next to a fox hole. We also need to have a buffer management plan with schedule for maintenance. Josh will do it and Bob will give to Parks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Earth Day 2019: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May – May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Rutgers Environmental Stewardship Training is being taken by Patrice and will involve a project – dock discussed or maybe finish up with Tree Protection Ordinance.

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

**AJOURNMENT:** There being no further business Josh made a motion to adjourn, second Dare & the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

cc: Environmental Commissioners

Mayor Johnson and Council