

Pitman Environmental Commission

December 6th, 2018

Chairman Robert Holwitt

The regular meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission was held on Thursday December 6th 2018 at 7:34.

ATTENDANCE:

Robert Holwitt; Tom Slencamp; Josh Hitchner; Dare Euler; Dani Cooke; Council Person Matt Weng,

Public: Andy Fox, Pitman Recreation Director, and Rick Benfield assistant superintendent, Pitman Golf Course

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made to approve November Minutes by Dare, Second Josh, all approved.

PUBLIC:

Andy Fox, Recreation Director, addressed the Commission regarding the idea of designing and installing a Disc Golf Course in Alcyon Woods. Protection of woods is important. Would like to maintain natural, passive setting, not an invasive process. Two T-box's 8'x5' & 200-600' fairway to elevated basket per hole, hopefully 9 in the first year with an additional 9 in the next year. 18 hole total. Funded and installed by Parks and Rec.

Director Fox and Mr. Benfield ensured the commission that the design would avoid large trees, 4"-5" caliber trees may need to be removed. Adam Harris is a professional designer and is designing this project. Project to be contained fully in the woods. Access and parking via Track Ave. Would not affect passive recreation. Would like to see plans and have chance to comment before project begins. Mr. Benfield added that this project would involve the removal of invasive Knotweed.

The commission stated that the pile of rubble of compound waste, costly removal since metal is mixed with concrete. Would want this materials removed.

Matt Weng anticipates positive reaction from council, who has a desire to encourage community use of Alcyon Woods

Chairperson Holwitt questioned the transition of the pump track, Director Fox replied that Parks and rec. will be taking ownership of the Pump Track, waivers for use are kept at Borough Hall.

The commission would like to walk the project or see a plan on paper to determine the impact to the natural environment. The environmental commission plans to vote on this issue on January 3rd.

BUDGET: Balance YTD: \$1,868.23

Encumbered \$209 for lake planting out of tree replacement to be spent a North Creek Nursery, Josh made a motion, Dani seconded.

Encumbered \$650 from Earth Day funds for movie screened at Earth Day Event 2019, Dare made a motion, Dani Seconded.

Encumbered \$50 from Materials and Supplies and \$40 from Special Projects for craft supplies for Earth Day 2019. Dani motioned, Tom seconded.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS :

AIR & WATER: Ellen Brooks - absent

OPEN SPACE: Danielle Cooke-

Shertel Park accessibility, no funding through Green Team. Potential a project to discuss with Andy at Parks and Rec.

Working towards having a farm come to Pitman for Farmers market during the summer. Maybe Thursday nights at Pop-up park.

PLANNING: Tom Slenkamp –

Was not in attendance at Planning Board Meeting, received document from Borough engineer, preliminary investigation for redevelopment of the Sony Tract.

Matt Weng- Army Corp of Engineers- Addressed council in their last sections. Soil population present on site, underground storage tanks are on site. Chemicals found are those typical for a dry cleaner. Building is in good condition but the borough requires a no further action from the Army Corp. Pollutants appear to be contained and not spreading to nearby residents. No further action may be available for parking lot and building area faster.

SHADE TREE: Josh Hitchner –

-Today, 12/06 Paul Blass reached out re: tree on 3rd Ave. AC Electric requested to trim or remove. Josh requested that it be trimmed only enough to allow for the project.

-Was reached out to by NJDEP about tree giveaway event. Free from state nursery, part of NJ Tree Recovery Campaign. Would have to pick up March 29, can have event March 30th, and possibly coordinate with Pitman Chamber of Commerce or Public Works. Josh will complete application and event permit

-Volunteer fair, 1/16 Dare, Josh, Bob will attend to represent the PEC

-Time to start Tree City USA application

-Patrice and Josh attended Green Team meeting in November, shared potential projects with their members.

EDUCATION: Dare Euler --

New water bottles in school are very successful. Very durable.

RECYCLING: Fred Rodi - absent

LIPARI/ALCYON: Bob Holwitt

Contacted Chris Doyle from Solitude, final report for lake testing will mail out next week.

ANJEC requested a current list of Commissioners for Sustainable Jersey.

No update on Lipari being transferred to NJDEP from USEPA

Bob, will rework estimating worksheet to reflect 1.5 children per family.

Unfinished Business:

MOTUS- No update

NEW BUSINESS:

Looking for CraftFair date.

Courtney V. up for reappointment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission will be on January 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business Tom made a motion to adjourn, second Josh & the meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm

cc: Environmental Commissioners

Mayor Johnson and Council