

## **Pitman Environmental Commission**

**June 7th 2018**

**Chairman Robert Holwitt**

The regular meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission was called to order by Bob Holwitt, on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Bob Holwitt, Patrice Sheehan; Tom Slencamp; Dani Cooke; Dare Euler; Ellen Brooks; Josh Hitchner; Council Person liaison Mike Razzo

**Public : none**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made to approve May Minutes by Dare, some corrections, DVRPC, Center for Aquatic Sciences, Second Tom, all approved with changes..

**BUDGET:** We have a budget – as we submitted. As of June 1<sup>st</sup>: Unexpended \$482 Secretary, materials overspent by - 39.92, 50.00 Training, Dues paid to ANJEC spent \$505. Alcyon lake testing \$3500 but received first invoice for \$1,687.50 dated May 20<sup>th</sup>. Earth Day \$1,436 still left. Misc \$50. \$735 tree replacements, \$541.62 special projects. Cake was already baked for Earth Day, and YBuy tables – we will have to pay for.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS :**

**PLANNING: Tom Slenkamp** - May meeting – gave summary of our meeting with council May 14<sup>th</sup> and our letter. We asked for a deed restriction, inclusion on the ROSSI and pass a resolution to say that would be the plan to work towards that. Councilman Weng characterized it more as a symbolic request. Bob said we did request a resolution but not be specific on what would be done. Mike Razzo said we thought that we should clarify it, although they did not discuss it further. What was requested in the letter is what we are asking for. Tom said a couple of members were skeptical of the purpose if it can just be overturned. 1<sup>st</sup> RFP for liquor license went out for \$550,000 with no bids and no qualifications submitted. It will probably be tried again. Councilman Weng discussed Sony property and maybe it could be in need of redevelopment. Non-condemnation provision could be used – not eminent domain. Intent is for owner to open as movie production set creations and would hire 300 some people. Storm water training needs to be done online by DEP – free.

**SHADE TREE: Josh Hichner:** Is there a plan for the Pump track? Have they been submitted to the environmental commission. Not sure if it complies with the shade tree ordinance because the fence is really close to trees. Most of project is in the dripline which means under the canopy and over top of roots. Suggestion that we get some tree replacements ready in case this causes damage. Also need to replace 5 that were removed in Shertle Park. 3 of 4 new trees died in the triangle park. 127 2<sup>nd</sup> ave owner also referred to Paul. Josh met with Jared – a willow and mulberry are dangerous in Betty Park and approved to be removed, also Spruce in Alcyon Park. Looked at Dell Field erosion. Soil conservation district needs to be contacted. Josh has spoken to Judy about contacting them and about the Alcyon Lake erosion. We have 15 year flag – could we fly it under the American Flag in the park? We will start by asking Judy. He will also try to remove stickers on signs.

**EDUCATION: Dare Euler** Saturday is the Alcyon Woods Walk – we could distribute the tree seedlings before the end of school with the younger kids. We had 98 and Fred grabbed a bag and about ½ are still alive. We will distribute at the walk. Mulch is still an issue, but nothing else to report.

**RECYCLING: Fred Rodi sent report by Bob:**

Public Works is picking up a lot of brush and grinding into single grinds. Leaf Collection has concluded until fall, we have covered the town 3 times completely sweeping. Currently sweeper is down due to head unit being damaged repairs are extensive and machine is down. The County helped us by sweeping route for bike race. There is a major issue with recycling Omni has informed us we are at 17% residual were are allowed 7%. This means there is a lot of trash in recycling and this will impact us all. Costs for recycling will increase and there are limited options for vendors. Spot curb checks have found that there is a lot of residents using green recycling totes for trash. Notification had been posted on Facebook. Also school operations has been contacted as well. Josh Hitchner was generous to provide extra oak saplings which were given to Miss Deltolas class at Hudson Elementary. The kids loved them...Please encourage neighbors and friends to recycle properly and as often as possible, it saves Borough money and benefits us all.

Discuss concerns about trash in the recycle bins. Did Fred tag the one's that he spotchecked? We need to get the word out so that it won't cost us extra money. Dare wrote a concise notice. We will run it by Fred and then get it out with schools, Judy & facebook.

**AIR & WATER: Ellen Brooks** Answer about spraying: April 30 it was done. She sent 2 emails and they were aware before. How long before it is safe? Depends what it is. PEC would like to know what pesticides were applied to what locations. Does Nancy have a copy of the invoice of what Ken's lawn care applied? We will get a copy of it.

**OPEN SPACE: Danielle** June 26<sup>th</sup> ANJEC is available 7 – 9 – class on Land Preservation. She submitted voucher. We can advertise. Do we have a projection screen? Once permit is approved we can advertise. Sat hike confirmed with Gloucester County Nature Club, Fred will be there, sessions will be open. Outline sent to people involved & tree ID key.

**LIPARI/ALCYON: Bob Holwitt:** Not much to add re Lipari. Met Patty Kelley and a planning member and brief discussion about the armory. Who is the remediation professional? Bob will find out and contact them about new contaminant found. Baseball still going on but things winding down.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Earth Day:** Would July 7<sup>th</sup> date for picnic in community work? We could see if academy could do that day. Bob will check to see when they may be available.

**Alcyon Woods preservation was presented** at council worksession on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Dani and Bob presented request that council pass a resolution to move forward with a plan, as the letter stated. An economic worksheet from ANJEC will be forwarded by Bob to Judy adding census data about residential development. School district needs do not really apply. They do not have anything on a commercial property. Patrice requested a resolution of new memorial in Betty Park with lights and 2 courses of blocks surrounding it. Also removal of park benches that are girdling trees. Maybe 5 in Betty Park and 2 on other side. Needs to be done this year. They cannot be expanded any more to accommodate growing trees without making the tables structurally unsound.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission will be cancelled on July 5<sup>th</sup> 2018, so we will meet on August at 7:30 p.m.

**AJOURNMENT:** There being no further business made a motion to adjourn, second Dani & the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

cc: Environmental Commissioners

Mayor Johnson and Council