

Pitman Environmental Commission

February 7th, 2019

Chairman Robert Holwitt

The regular meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission was held on Thursday February 7th, 2019 at 7:35.

ATTENDANCE:

Robert Holwitt; Patrice Sheehan; Dani Cooke; Council Person Michael Razze

PUBLIC: Dave Hamilton and Josh Hamilton(boy scout) working on a merit badge

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No Motion was made to approve December Minutes because of no quorum

BUDGET: Budget look like a temporary budget. Anjec is renewed . Can talk more when we discuss earth day.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS :

PLANNING: Tom Slenkamp – absent: Emailed the following report: At the Jan. 22 Planning Board meeting, the Board voted to recommend the Sony tract for designation as an area in need of redevelopment. With Council's acceptance of this recommendation, the next step will be to prepare an actual Redevelopment Plan for the site, similar to what was done for the Pitman Hotel. This, in theory, should make the site more attractive to potential developers. The 12+ acre conservation easement located in the SW corner of the property restricts any physical development within this area, and it will be noted as such as part of the overall Redevelopment Plan for the site. Bob said we should forward any suggestions to the planning board once this is approved by council. We may need to put in high density housing.

SHADE TREE: Josh Hichner – absent: The only thing I have to talk about was the volunteer fair but Dare was also there. Can you please have the bunch vote on approving \$25 to be spent on supplies for that event. I bought a tablecloth and some clear plastics sign holders. I can get the purchase order next month. We don't have a quorum to vote on this. Bob will follow up on the maintenance requirements for the lake buffer.

EDUCATION: Dare Euler: absent – reported that I did send recycling poster contest to Board office for approval. theme of Recycling Items: Yes or No?

11x17 paper. Name, school, grade on back. (this would be strictly for identification and keeping track, not for teacher involvement.)

There would be prizes. We would divide the categories between elementary, middle and high. 1st place would be a \$25 WaWa card, second place-\$15 Alaura's gift card, and 3rd place-\$10 Alaura's gift card. This would be awarded separately to each grade level group.

We would like to send it out at the end of February giving students until the end of March to complete it.

Dr. Mcaleer emailed that it sounds fine – wants to see the handout.

RECYCLING: Fred Rodi – absent but sent a report: Recycling Flyers are completed we have 4,000 to hand out. So far we have done the pin wheel of the Grove. Our plan is to hand out to every home placing in doors under mats or behind mailboxes legally we cannot place them inside. Magnets are 4x9 and are in production now they will either be going out in tax bills or water sewer bills in the near future. If anyone would like to help deliver flyers on their street let me know I

can drop some off to you. We are currently working on cleaning our storm drains , we inspect each drain take before and after pictures and vacuum debris out with our street sweeper or small vacor truck. Since after Jan 1 I have been working on recycling tonnage report.. gathering tonnage from vendors for DEB report for the state for submission.

AIR & WATER: Ellen Brooks absent: no report

OPEN SPACE: Danielle Cooke- no report

LIPARI/ALCYON: Bob Holwitt- Bob sent email to Tanya Mitchell, USEPA asking about transfer of site to State and whether the DEP would be required to continue the extraction process. Transfer is still taking place and DEP will be in charge of cleanup. Bob asked new manager, Steve, questions about this. This will happen in Fall. Email from Matt Gangi who lives on Woodlyn Ave and uses Alcyon Woods had questions about the flags and clearing. Bob explained the Disc Golf course. Andy and Mike also responded. Bob went up there to review work that had been a concern of some commissioners and everything has been completed with clearing except the pads and an area that needed a bridge of sorts.

Motus: Council was concerned about a buffer between Motus and Pitman. Bob sent Mike maps and he copied Matt Blake who explained how to get some funding to buy property that was Zee's (Patricia Young). Council has authorized Boro engineer to look into this. Seems to be no movement on Motus. Concerns in community about light pollution, traffic and runoff into lake.

Mike Razze: County MUA representatives met with him, Jared, Andy and Judy behind Soccer field (Lambs Rd) County is going to fill in around sewer line and put rip rap in the area where erosion along the creek has caused a safety hazard, as well as the sewer pipe to be exposed in about a month.

Unfinished Business:

Alcyon Woods Preservation: Disc golf course. We have not received the plans yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Earth Day 2019: 3rd Saturday of May – May 18th. Academy of Natural Sciences are available that date and will use last year's money for it.

MOVIE NIGHT: we will hold off on spending money on this. ANJEC show – we need a permit – we have \$262 in special projects. Dani will talk to Tina-may need to do in September or later.

NJAmerican Water Grant: Projects are for Watershed protection and Patrice discussed applying for \$10,000 maximum (or whatever the budget turns out to be) to solve the erosion problem on the West side of Alcyon Lake bank by extending the buffer to include that side and including some green infrastructure and plantings with volunteers. Possible bioswale or raingarden. This would include a dock/boardwalk to enable people access to the water. This would also fit into the historical context of the park as well as deter geese from walking up the bank. We reviewed the application that Patrice will work on. Due March 29th and project completed by November 30th 2019. We may be able to get some technical assistance from Dr. Christopher Obropta, Rutgers Extension Specialist in Water Resources.

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

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

cc: Environmental Commissioners

Mayor Johnson and Council