

Pitman Environmental Commission

August 1, 2019 2019

Chairman Robert Holwitt: absent, Tom Slencamp chaired the meeting

The regular meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission was held on Thursday August 1st, 2019 at 7:30.

ATTENDANCE: Patrice Sheehan; Tom Slencamp; Ellen Brooks; Josh Hitchner; Dani Cooke

PUBLIC: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tabled the approval of June minutes.

BUDGET: \$3500 lake testing, 1772.71 earth day, 800 trees, 970 special projects.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS :

RECYCLING: Fred Rodi absent: sent report via email: I will not be able to attend meeting, we hauled out close 400 yards of leaf mulch and 962 yards of single grinds. We had a DEP inspection of our recycling yard and was cited for too much grass in with brush. Please if possible dispose of grass in trash. Recycling continues to be uphill battle due to plastic bags but we are making some progress.

AIR & WATER: Ellen Brooks: no report

OPEN SPACE: Danielle Cooke: no report

PLANNING: Tom Slenkamp: There was a presentation last night for Economic Development, biking. Bobs Hobbies redevelopment is in the works. Sony property owner has discussed with Rowan to use part of it. They would have to develop a redevelopment plan. Dani told us about community member has been passing out flyers about a proposed strip mall in Mantua across from Sony. Mantua knows nothing about it. There are 10 acres of woods that would be cleared. Dollar General store is going in on Lambs Rd near there.

SHADE TREE: Josh Hitchner This week went to put the 16 year sign on the Tree City sign, but it is missing. (Located under billboard). County may have switched. Discuss getting a new signs \$65.00 Josh made a motion to spend \$130 on 2 signs plus \$70 for poles etc. out of special projects, second Dani, all in favor. Andy is going to have 3 small trees (golden raintrees) that are in decline, removed at Glen Lake. We will plant 3 river birches there. Motion to spend \$299 to buy 2 additional trees (have one birch) by Josh, second Dani, all in favor, approved, to be planted by Borough employees. August 17th Saturday will plant a Dogwood, Ginkgo in Ballard Park at 7 pm with volunteers. He will get an event permit. Raingarden looks awesome right now, kudos to neighbors who are helping to take care of it. Discuss getting a sign for it. Bob asked him to get measurements for stabilizing the bank at Alcyon Lake. He will be working on this. Tom asked about getting new trees for Shertle Park. Discussed the problem of people parking between the Grove and Shertle Park on the park lawn. Need to get new trees planted. Shertle needs some work to be better. Dani is on creative team and doing a topographical map including plans to redo parking lot, and other improvements for accessibility. Area by McBurney Field also needs trees by the stand. Team may be able to get more grants after we have a plan. Uptown plan to replace missing trees. Jim Pierpont has a plan to include trees and Josh would like to use the money there.

EDUCATION: Dare Euler: absent

LIPARI/ALCYON: Bob Holwitt: absent

Alcyon Park: Dan McAteer is the new Parks Superintendent and he will be invited to a PEC meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Alcyon Woods Preservation: Ellen saw large slices of trees by the garage and entrance to Alcyon Woods. Wondering why they are cutting like that and are they taking more trees down for the Frisbee golf?

NEW BUSINESS:

By Laws: Discussed Alternate member vs. Associate member and whether they have voting privileges in case of lack of a quorum. Discussed Chairman rotating like other commissions or voted on by the group and done with reorganizing. Recommended to be a future agenda item. By laws are online so we can review them. Dani may be on a non-profit to redevelop Shertle Park, if so she will not be able to be a voting member on PEC. Suggested moving Courtney to full member. Also a problem with Fred not attending meetings that he cannot vote. It is great to get his monthly information and updates, but maybe he could do this as an Associate Member and we could have another full member that could attend meetings and vote.

PEC Web Page: Some changes were made, but more need to be done for accuracy. Patrice will contact Andy Fox.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission will be September 5th at 7:30 p.m.

AJOURNMENT: Josh made motion to adjourn, second Dani, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

cc: Environmental Commissioners

Mayor Johnson and Council