

Pitman Environmental Commission

May 3rd 2018

Chairman Robert Holwitt

The regular meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission was called to order by Bob Holwitt, on Thursday, May 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Bob Holwitt; Patrice Sheehan; Tom Slencamp; Dani Cooke; Dare Euler; Ellen Brooks; Council Person liason Mike Razze.(late) Courtney Venuti

Public : none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made to approve April Minutes by Dare, Tom Second, all approved.

BUDGET: We have a budget – as we submitted. Unexpended \$545.08 Secretary, materials overspent by -39.92, 50.00 Training, Dues paid to ANJEC spent \$505. Alcyon lake testing \$3500. Earth Day \$1,965 but this will be spent down. Misc \$50. \$800 tree replacements, \$901.50 special projects, some may have been spent for Northcreek nursery.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS :

OPEN SPACE: Danielle Cooke Josh & Dani met with Brian Duvall, adventure aquarium CEO and walked the stream. Took pictures and looked at erosion and storm water. Sewer mapping wanted to look at. Spoke about hydrilla. He said that there would be a problem downstream and kill everything. He suggested a boardwalk, or dock to preserve the edge. Spoke about the shallowness of water, more erosion, could be helped with terracing. A lot of money available from non profits to combine. Look up on the DVRPC. Pool downstream would be a good place to test water. Mike Razze said he noticed that the orange runoff was coming from clay mound at Rowan. Silt screen is not sufficient for a large downpours. Steam banks at Rowan has been denuded, so more runoff. Mike Razze will contact Soil conservation could site Rowan and other construction projects, such as the hospital, if they are not complying. Dare says they are building a huge soccer complex, 300 acres, 50 fields, 2 synthetic, in Harrison Twp for Rowan. Fertilizing could be a big problem and parking. PEC members could see what grants are available and piece some together.

Land preservation workshop. We could host one for ANJEC and invite educators and others from Borough. Wednesday May 23rd and May 30th are possible dates. \$250. Could be a good networking opportunity. Might get 50 people – could use Council Chambers, or Tabernacle. We can have refreshments. Could be approved for payment and event permit on 5/14. Mike will check availability of space in council. Motion to set aside \$250 presenter and money for refreshments \$150 for refreshments on May 23rd – motion for Special Projects from Tom, second Dare, all in favor. Dani will email ANJEC and Bob will email Nancy to encumber the money and pick up the voucher. 7:00 pm till 9. Use Boro website, superintendent's office for schools, county superintendent. Dani will make up flyer.

PLANNING: Tom Slenkamp - pass – no report

SHADE TREE: Josh Hichner: absent – 2 trees, red maples were planted at the tabernacle for arbor day. . Josh got oaks for Earth Day.

EDUCATION: Dare Euler – few critters in the stream – no dragon flies, but she will bring some for earth day. One other educator for Earth Day.

RECYCLING: Fred Rodi PW is doing leaf cleanup and they have done several sweeps. Recycling – more than double tonnage – because of blacktop recycling. Plenty of mulch available. Street sweeper has been out frequently. They are looking for a laborer. They were very helpful unloading and moving Harry's replacement tree. This has now been planted. Bob is working on wording for a plaque.

AIR & WATER: Ellen Brooks Have not heard back from parks on whether pesticides have been scheduled. She emailed. Trees distributed 150 Norway Spruces and copied the brochure

LIPARI/ALCYON: Bob Holwitt: Waiting for Solitude to contact Jared and Andy as to when they will do the sampling. They are shooting for this month for the first one. Solitude will have someone attend to set up a display on Earth Day. Bob will follow up on details.

Alcyon Woods letter was sent out to commissioners and there were concerns about the final draft so we did not go forward yet with it. Yesterday Dani sent some thoughts to make some changes. Bob will take Dani's revisions and keep the flow and get it out to everyone before the 14th when we are scheduled at the Council work session. Presented more from the environmental point of view. No reference to land acquisition and land development. This will be at 7 pm 20 minutes. Dani has some documents about air quality, some green space network, recommendations to conserve from our master plan and local planning. Bob will start with the big picture, Dani & Josh can do a technical details. We can invite them to our land preservation workshop. Questions, and recap.

Betty Park memorial tree planted and the family sent a picture of what they wanted to do, but it does not look like it. Concerns about the solar light, block edges too high. Mike will work with Jared for a solution.

Earth Day

- Andy is bringing 6 picnic tables
- Jess is emailed about water table.
- GCNature Club will be there
- School will be represented
- 210 tree cookies are ready with ribbons
- Bird feeder cherios – need to buy, plus pipe cleaners. Kids like furry ones.
- Terrarium supplies are ordered, have soil, get moss that morning.
- We have 2 popup tents, one for Center for Aquatic Sciences
We will set up 7:30 – 8 am SGT Streater – Bob will call for parking on Ballard Ave for Center for Aquatic Sciences. Lisa Morgan might have a map of layout at Art Gallery.

Checked the basement for supplies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission will be June 7th 2018, at 7:30 p.m.

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business made a motion to adjourn, second Dani & the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm

cc: Environmental Commissioners

Mayor Johnson and Council