

Pitman Environmental Commission

October 4th, 2018

Chairman Robert Holwitt

The regular meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission was held on Thursday October 4th 2018 at 7:30.

ATTENDANCE:

Robert Holwitt; Tom Slencamp; Ellen Brooks; Josh Hitchner; Patrice Sheehan; Council Person liason Matthew Wang

Public : None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made to approve September Minutes by Ellen, Tom's corrections: tree report amounts don't add up to \$655 – cost ended up \$526 & was encumbered so not a problem , also Tom's report Lonnie Unger from EDP soccer; Bob's corrections: lake testing budget , we have actually almost spent \$3500 (\$ 2531.25) between August and July bill. Second Josh, all approved with changes.

BUDGET: Water bottles – do we need more or just add for Kindergarten? There was a problem with the lids, new style \$1.25 each. Last year we spent \$1500 & match with clean communities. We could afford \$1,000 because of Earth Day, (Account# 502 & 510) and match from clean communities. Ellen will investigate what the best option is and how many we need. Motion from Tom to spend \$1400 on water bottles with match from clean communities, Josh second, all approved. We did not get money back from Academy of Natural Science. Bob will find out if it will be used for next year or refund.

Plants and logs would be good where erosion is around tree by Alcyon Lake.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS :

EDUCATION: Dare Euler: absent

RECYCLING: Fred Rodi – sent by email. Bob will send to PS Leaf collection starts 10/15. Brush collection weekly and ground up. There is too much trash in our recycling still. Week from today the newsletters are going out so we could put something in there.

AIR & WATER: Ellen Brooks- On Pitman Ave orange erosion where Pitman Hotel was. Should have a silt fence – code enforcement will be notified by Matt. Regulation about PFNA , fire retardant, in drinking water in NJ. It is not included in our water quality – but should be in the 1st ¼ of next year. Is prevalent in 60% of NJ water. It's a carcinogen.

OPEN SPACE: Danielle Cooke- absent

PLANNING: Tom Slenkamp - busy meeting – subdivision reapproval on Cedar and Tuoy to put 2 homes, approved in 2006 and had to come back. Same builder as Pitman Ave.

SHADE TREE: Josh Hichner : Spoke to Andy – 2 trees in Ballard, 3 in Shertle or Betty will be planted. Composters and rain barrels: Borough had 20 and they went quickly. Maybe we could give away on Thursdays in Summer or Earth day. \$846 available. County recycling coordinator has some that we could consider for future. Also discussed buying tables so we don't have to rent them. Another idea: planting around Alcyon with bio logs – we could do next year. We could encumber \$500 from Earth Day line item for plants.

LIPARI/ALCYON: Bob Holwitt-At Lipari: Mr Sirkis contacted & said the soil extraction continues and BCEE concentrations are going down as well as the other contaminants. They are on the right track. Transitioning from federal to state supervision. The 2 people at NJDEP who will be project managers are John Skurad and Steve Wohleb to ask about where we stand and what the plan is. Bob will contact John next week to see if we need to keep the extraction going.

Park: Soccer, youth football.

Unfinished Business:

MOTUS performance Center: Part of task force to strategize, Andy Fox, Councilman Razze, Nick Aspras & Bob met 9/17 and he gave the list of questions, but since then spoke with Tanya Mitchell, EPA has no info about the project other than in July there was a tour of landfill and it was mentioned. Dan Sirkis said he has no information on this. It is expected that MOTUS would contact EPA & share their plans. 9/24 Amy Rudley asked if any permits had been filed – answer is no. Bob had some more technical questions. Howard Ave residents have concerns about noise etc. Question about the strip mall and other development.

Earth Day:

Alcyon Woods Preservation: Bob just received info from schools for worksheet to show cost of development. Bob will let us know how it comes out.

NEW BUSINESS: Green Team meeting: Josh will go. Suggest for next year: Hydro rig could be an option to control hydrilla in lake. We should get a report from Solitude about water quality.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting of the Pitman Environmental Commission will be on November 1st at 7:30 p.m.

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business Ellen made a motion to adjourn, second Tom & the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

cc: Environmental Commissioners

Mayor Johnson and Council