

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

January 5, 2009

5:45 PM

Meeting began at 5:45 PM.

Call to Order – Flag Salute

Open Public Meeting Act – Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, sending copies of the notice of the meeting properly provided adequate notice of the meeting to the Times Beacon and the Asbury Park press. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Administration Building.

Roll Call:

Members present:	Ed Covitz	Tom Leaming	Bill Rossnagel
	Heide Geary	Don Lippincott	Jack Henderson
	Bob Knowles	Pat McCarty	

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Chairman Lippincott asked for a motion to approve the December 1, 2008 minutes. Ed Covitz made a motion to approve the December 1, 2008 minutes. Tom Leaming seconded the motion. All in favor: (aye).

Chairman Lippincott reminded the Commission that the correspondence is always available with the Secretary.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Matt Ambrosio, guest speaker, at the Commission's request, attended the meeting to update the Commission on various points of interest.

**Adopt-A-Sewer Program** – The road crew could be contacted if someone has not adopted a specific drain when it is blocked. The road crew gets out as often as they can to check, but they do rely on residents to keep them informed.

A new jet-vac has been ordered, sharing it with the MUA. The pipes can be jetted out when the basins are cleaned out now. The jet vac was purchased through a grant. We are also getting a mason dump.

The adopt-a-sewer program asks residents to keep the storm drains clear of leaves, pine needles, debris, etc. that clogs or washes into the basin and leads to the bay.

The ordinance in town is to bag leaves and leave them at the curb. We do have a leaf vac. It is a slower process to clean-up. The problem is residents rake their leaves to the curb weeks before the leaf vac comes to pick up and then they blow away and get caught in the storm drains. The road crew is currently doing both – taking bags of leaves and using the leaf vac. Brush is picked up twice a month.

**Waretown Lake** – The lake has been drained. We are waiting on the permit to dredge. Draining of the lake every year is key to getting rid of the bad vegetation. The spoils are a problem. The dam and aeration systems were both discussed by the commission.

**Gypsy Moth** – Mr. Ambrosio showed the commission a proposed map of where they want to spray. Mr. Ambrosio is going to try to get them to move further up Route 532. Consensus from the commission was that the spraying worked very well last year. The Home Depot traps also worked very well.

**Trees** – We had received a grant from the county for 12 trees. They have been picked up and are mulched and will be planted once the weather gets nicer. No Net Loss Grant trees have about 150 more to put in place with the GPS system with the Alpaugh's. A request that more Crape Myrtles be put on Main Street was made. The commission discussed other areas where the trees are scheduled to be planted in town. Brookville would also be a good place for some trees.

The commission thanked Matt Ambrosio for coming.

Chairman Lippincott asked that a note of appreciation be sent to the Township Committee with regards to Matt Ambrosio for his continued efforts.

**Mini-Grant Update** – The mini grant was already applied for by the Township, and two applications cannot come from the same Township.

**Website** – Any time information needs to be updated, it is easy to do. We can change the information once a month. Discussion took place with regards to possibly linking an order form to the website so people can order their Crape Myrtle trees ahead of time and send the form with payment in full to town hall. Order forms could also be put into the Library, at the Community Center, on the TV Channel (to look at the website for the link). Possibly put a picture of a Crape Myrtle on the website to help people see what they look like – we usually sell 3 gallon trees. Jack Henderson could email his Pebble Beach Community telling to access the form through the website. Secretary will check with the Administrator to see if this is possible.

A discussion took place about finding the other community leaders to see if we could put information in their community newsletters as well. Secretary advised that she will take care of this during the month of January and report back at the February meeting.

**Tree Contest** – An update was given by the Secretary. Five have been received. The Art Teacher will bring it up again in early spring to see if she can get more kids interested. Secretary is also starting to work on the certificates for the kindergarten and first grader. Don Lippincott and the Secretary will coordinate and check the measurements of the first five trees.

The commission had a brief discussion about solar energy.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Knowles and seconded by Tom Leaming. All in favor: (aye).

Respectfully submitted,

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Beth Laramee, Secretary