

## West Cape May Environmental Commission

### Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm after which Hilary read the Open Public Meeting Law statement.
2. **Roll Call:** Hilary Pritchard (co-chair), Trish Miller, Damian Orlando, Adehl Schwaderer, Tom Bocket, Joe Grottola, Deputy Mayor Alan Crawford  
  
Absent: Makenzie Franco (PZB Liaison), Chris Isenhardt (co-chair)
3. **Minutes:** Adehl made a motion seconded by Tom to accept the April minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance of \$22,115.55. This reflects a change of \$0. Hilary made a motion, seconded by Adehl to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Planning Board:** The Exit Zero Filling Station application was postponed on May 2, 2023 until the next Planning meeting.
6. **Commission Report:** NJ State ban on Neonicotinoids goes into effect in October. Our EC goals should be aimed towards herbicides like glyphosate.

2nd Ave sewer issues - residents do not want to be responsible to finance it, however the commissioners determined they did not want to make it the burden of all taxpayers. There are about 68 residents that would be affected but only about 10 homes are experiencing issues. There are two main issues that are in ongoing discussions; who to provide sewer for and how, and who would pay for it.

Lou Belasco has resigned.

7. **Old Business:**
  - a. Pollinator Park: The 3 phases have been completed for this year. The split-rail fence has been installed. An arborist has evaluated the trees and determined which ones need to be removed.
  - b. Green Team: Nothing new to report. The Sunset Blvd. lot has been put on the back burner for now. Tom will hold a meeting with commissioners to determine what needs to be done with the space. There is some grant money available we could apply for to help finance the project.
  - c. Cape May Connections: New bike map is being made with edits and should be available by Memorial Day.
  - d. Farmer's Market: Nothing to report. First Farmer's Market is on June 20. We do have a plethora of educational material that can be distributed at the Farmer's Market table. We will go through and determine what is best to pass out to visitors.

- e. Movies & Programs: Ocean Fest June 17 - Adehl met with Justine Magariel and Hope Gains on Monday. Both Environmental Commissions will coordinate an invasive species brochure and seed starting kits to give away. We already approved a \$1000 donation to sponsor Ocean Fest at the last meeting. Hilary made a motion to approve up to \$300 for supplies for the EC Ocean Fest table to be split with the City of Cape May Environmental Commission. The motion passed unanimously.
  - f. Eco-Awards: Nothing to report.
  - g. Press Releases: Rachel Schubin is still interested. We will schedule to have her at one of our next meetings. We can create draft posts for Rachel before posting. Adehl will coordinate with her.
  - h. 52 Tips: Need to coordinate with Rachel to post our 52 tips each week. We will have the 52 tips ready by June 20 before the Farmer's Market.
  - i. E-Waste: Damian had a call with Lee. Green Chip is not interested in spending resources to host an E-Waste event for us. Citizens should take all E-Waste to the Cape May County Transfer Station @ 650 Shunpike Road Burleigh, NJ 08210. We will research other potential companies that could host this event for us.
  - j. Pesticide Education: June 5, 2023 5pm-6pm workshop session for 52 tips and pesticide education.
8. **New Business:** No new business.
9. **Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Adjourn:** 7:55pm - Hilary made a motion, seconded by Damian to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting:** June 7, 2023

Minutes prepared by Damian Orlando