



**MEETING MINUTES      Environmental Commission**  
**Wednesday, February 16, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Regular Workshop meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission on February 16, 2011 came to order at 6:40 PM in the City Hall Caucus Room, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ, having been duly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Members Present: Ceil Mancini, Faith Teitelbaum, Richard Lee, Carol Mellaci, Mark Smiga

Members Absent: Dick Honymar, Rich Garlipp, Jen Smiga

Others present: Joy Bastelli (Council Liaison); Michele Bernich (Zoning Officer); Ray Walker and Wayne Ferren (Maser); Green Committee

Appointees: Suzan Cole, Raymond Syms

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

December minutes were approved by unanimous vote. January minutes will be approved electronically. Rich Lee moved and Faith second. Vote unanimous.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Mark called NJNG and they wanted the City to hire an intern to do energy audits. The City is already doing energy audits so Mark declined the offer.
- b. Re-iterated that the ANJEC workshops coming up are free to EC members. Just need to sign up with ANJEC and let Michele know.

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Green Committee update – Ed Thomas will set up an orientation meeting for the Green Committee. Two new members were present: Suzan Cole and Ray Syms.

5. REPORT OF COMMISSION'S PLANNING BOARD MEMBER - none

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Environmental/Natural Resource Inventory (ERI)
  - 1) Review Draft ERI- Maser was present and opened the floor for comments. A discussion followed and Ceil will collect all comments and send them to Maser by Feb 25. ERI will become final when the Planning Board adopts it as an Appendix to the Master Plan. It will remain a living document.
  - 2) Field Work status – Events were scheduled and will be sent out on the e-mail blast/website update/facebook post. Maser suggested doing an inventory of heritage trees and perhaps even have a contest to find the oldest native tree. Another field walk is scheduled for Feb 18 at 8AM.

- 3) Public Hearing and Outreach Documents Review – Items for the public hearing were discussed and approved with some modifications. Jerri will contact the City to see if the event can be put on the event boards around town.
  - 4) Urban Forest Map – This effort will become a project for the EC and not necessarily part of the first ERI.
  - 5) Public Hearing preparation and date – The next EC meeting will focus on preparation for the March 16 public information meeting.
  - 6) Inclusion of fish ladder in ERI- Faith will write a paragraph and send it along with a picture to Ceil for inclusion in the group ERI comments to Maser.
- b. Pesticide Free Zones (PFZ) / Integrated Pest Management (IPM) – Some errors were found in the document so it will be revised. It will not go before City Council on Feb 22.
  - c. Wind Turbine - none
  - d. Water Quality - Richard discussed the preliminary results from the water testing done by Surfrider. More detailed discussion next month.
7. NEW BUSINESS
    - a. Annual Report – Michele will send a template to Executive Members for an achievement oriented progress report. Per the by-laws, an executive member will prepare the annual report / progress report.
  8. HEARINGS OF PUBLIC COMMENT - Vincent Lepore asked some questions about the energy audit.
  9. OTHER – Discussed the T-Mobile Zoning Board application that was sent to all EC members. Rich will compose a memo to discuss the points we want to make.
  10. ADJOURNMENT –Mark Smiga called for a motion to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Carol made the motion and Rich seconded.

By the order of: Mark Smiga, Chairperson

*NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 14, 2011 @ 6:30 PM*