



**MEETING MINUTES  
Environmental Commission  
Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Regular Workshop meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission on Feb 18, 2012 came to order at 6:45 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: Carol Mellaci, Faith Teitelbaum, Richard Lee, Rich Garlipp, Ceil Mancini, Jen Smiga

Members Absent: Mark Smiga, Dick Honymar,

Others present: John Gregory (Green Team Liaison)

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Richard Lee and seconded by Ceil Mancini. Approved by unanimous vote. Carol and Jen abstained because they were not present at the meeting.

3. COMMUNICATIONS –

a. Ceil moved that Faith go to the NJ Land Trust Rally. Rich seconded. Unanimous vote.

b. Long Branch Library wanted a letter of endorsement from the EC for a grant they are looking to receive. Carol will write the endorsement letter.

c. We discussed the 2013 City calendar and will contribute to it.

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES (see Old Business)

5. REPORT OF COMMISSION'S PLANNING BOARD MEMBER - absent

6. OLD BUSINESS -

**Projects:**

Sustainable Jersey

Grounds and Maintenance (IPM into policy update) – Faith – no report

Community Education and Outreach - Jen and Carol

Jen and Carol will come up with a list of events and ask us to volunteer for one. Jen will be working on our Facebook page.

## ERI Continuance

### Beachscapes – Rich

Rich has Google Earth pictures of all Long Branch beachfronts.

### Stormwater – Rich

Long Branch has approximately 800 outflow pipes.

### Whale Pond Brook/Takanassee Lake Watershed – Faith

Faith announced a clean-up at Ross Island along with a water testing training at Monmouth University on March 3.

There will also be a literature drop about fertilizers and watersheds in Long Branch and Ocean on March 11.

### Heritage Trees – Rich

Rich will find out the definition of a heritage tree. He asked where we could find the draft green ordinances.

Annual Report – A motion was made to accept the annual report by Rich Lee and seconded by Carol Mellaci. Unanimous vote.

**NOTE:** City Council priorities: Lake Takanassee/WPB Watershed, water quality, stormwater and efforts with the green committee.

## Green Team Report:

John said the grant application for the greenway at Troutman's Brook is in. We discussed the fact that many people leave their electronics on the curb and how to solve the problem. One suggestion was a pick-up once a month by volunteers.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS -

### 8. HEARINGS OF PUBLIC COMMENT -

a. Vince LaPone stated that many town's EC meetings were on cable and asked why ours was not. He also suggested that Pine Belt Chevrolet sponsor an electric car at the car show. Vince also reminded us that Medivac needs to be accommodated at Troutman's Brook park.

### 9. OTHER –

10. ADJOURNMENT – Rich Lee motioned to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Carol Mellaci seconded.

By the order of: Mark Smiga, Chairperson

Re: *Environmental Commission  
Regular Workshop Meeting Minutes*

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*NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 19, 2012 @ 6:30 PM*

