



**MEETING MINUTES
Environmental Commission
Wednesday, March 19, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Regular Workshop meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission on March 19, 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, Mark Smiga, Joy Bastelli (City Council Liaison)

Members Absent: Dick Honymar,

Others present: Howard Woolley, City Administrator

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The February minutes were not voted on.

3. COMMUNICATIONS –

a. Approved request for a letter of endorsement for Troutman's Brook to go to Green Acres. Carol moved and Rich Lee seconded. Carol will write the letter.

b. Annual report will be updated and sent to everyone for their approval. Mark will then ask to be put on City Council calendar.

c. Mark displayed a resource called Invasive Plants and Their Native Look alikes – Carol will have copies made and distributed to some members.

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

5. REPORT OF COMMISSION'S PLANNING BOARD MEMBER - no report

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 passed out a list of Long Branch planned events and we discussed the ones the EC will be involved in:

1. West End Cruise Night July 14 5-10PM (Rich, Carol, Ceil, Rich Lee and Mark will man the table)
2. Long Branch Block Party- Sept 15
3. Oct 13 or 14 Clean up or fun activity

Ceil will call Mr. Salvatore about the District Enrichment Fair.
Carol asked to purchase 2 tables at K-Mart for \$45.00 each.

Approved.

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

DPW cleaned up the demonstration project area on Elinore and will be planting grass there. They also removed a dead tree from the water and cut one down on the island. They were transported to shore using a wench truck and a boat from Urban Coast Institutue.

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. Vote Delayed.

7. NEW BUSINESS -

8. HEARINGS OF PUBLIC COMMENT -

a. Vince LaPone stated that many town's EC meetings were on cable and suggested that we do a presentation on Troutmans' Creek. He also suggested again that Pine Belt Chevrolet sponsor an electric car at the car show

9. OTHER –

10. ADJOURNMENT – Ceil motioned to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Carol Mellaci seconded.

By the order of: Mark Smiga, Chairperson

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 16, 2012 @ 6:30 PM