



**MEETING MINUTES
Environmental Commission
Monday, December 12, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Regular Workshop meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission on December 12, 2011 came to order at 6:55 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: Mark Smiga, Faith Teitelbaum, Richard Lee, Carol Mellaci, Dick Honymar, Jen Smiga, Rich Garlipp

Members Absent:., Ceil Mancini

Others present: Michele Bernich (City Liaison), Joy Bastelli (Council liaison)

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Richard Lee and seconded by Dick Honymar. Approved by unanimous vote. Rich Garlipp abstained.

3. COMMUNICATIONS - none

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

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

6. OLD BUSINESS -

Faith gave a presentation explaining the mission of the Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association. Joy asked if she would present it a City Council workshop.

Jenn and Carol presented their budget and ideas for purchasing tabling event equipment. The Logo banner with hem and grommets was put on hold. The list was enthusiastically received and unanimously approved.

Jenn and Carol also presented a list of events. Mark suggested that we commit to only two events and if others happen that would be a bonus.

We then reviewed the list of Sustainable Jersey and ERI continuance projects and the project managers assigned. The PMs are as follows:

Sustainable Jersey

Sustainable Land Use Pledge - Michele

Grounds and Maintenance (IPM into policy update) - Faith

Recycling - composting - Dick
Community Education and Outreach - Jenn and Carol

ERI Continuance

Beachscapes - Rich
Stormwater - Rich
Whale Pond Brook/Takanassee Lake Watershed - Faith

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

7. NEW BUSINESS -

8. HEARINGS OF PUBLIC COMMENT -

Caroline McLaughlin - Coastal Communities agent for NJ Sea Grant Consortium 732-872-1300 X24 spoke about the availability of their experts and advisors and also their grants, They also have stormwater speakers.

Vincent LaPore spoke about the LBEC's communications with cable, newsprint, and Historic Commission.

9. OTHER –

10. ADJOURNMENT – Dick motioned to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Rich seconded.

By the order of: Mark Smiga, Chairperson

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Jan 18, 2012 @ 6:30 PM