



LONG BRANCH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2010
TIME: 6:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mark Smiga, Faith Teitelbaum, Dick Honymar, Richard Lee, Ceil Mancini, Jennifer Smiga

Members Absent: Rich Garlipp

Others Present: Carol Mellaci, Jerri Lynch, Eddie Thomas, Michele Bernich, Adam Schneider (partial), Ray Syms (resident)

2. MINUTES

Motion made to approve; seconded; all approved.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Cool Cities Partnership will be having Part 3 of their training; previous training seemed worthwhile.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. *Natural Resources Management: Rain Gardens (FT)*

- Status of permitting reviewed
- Planting Dates considered and provisions for rainy day
- Rain Garden training discussed

b. *Natural Resources Management: Stormwater (RL)*

- Discussed progress, costs and types
- RL meeting with DPW to review storm drain map
- Consider addressing hot spots
- Develop outside funding (i.e. Surfers Alliance)

c. *Energy Efficiency and Transportation: Alternatives to Wind Spire (DH)*

- Met with new vendor, ARC Renewable Energy LLC
- Roof mounted; Site is the comfort station near Laird Street
- Potential permitting issues to be evaluated

- Energy Review Committee reviewed standard ordinance sample for alternative energy ; 2009 Master Plan recommends further ordinance review
- Other locations discussed, i.e. Lake Takanassee
- Mayor supports these goals and this alternative energy idea

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Summary of Environmental Partnership Meeting*
- b. Consolidation of subcommittee activities focused to the benefit of Lake Takanassee:*

Mayor fully supports the EC focusing on Lake Takanassee

- Discussed quality of water, streams, watershed, and overgrowth
 - Discusses partnerships with other groups with shared interests such as the Environmental Partnership, Urban Coastal Institute, 'Water Watch', American Littoral Society, and Audubon Society.
- c. Nominated day for Lake Takanassee Clean Up: May 8*
 - Committee and city to work on permit and details.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- Interviews with Mayor on Community Connection (Comcast Channel 20)
- Environmental/Natural resource Inventory

7. ADJOURNMENT; 8:40PM

Next meeting: Monday, March 15; 6:30.

By the order of:
Mark Smiga, Chairperson