



LONG BRANCH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, March 15, 2010
TIME: 6:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mark Smiga, Faith Teitelbaum, Rich Garlipp, Richard Lee, Ceil Mancini, Jennifer Smiga

Members Absent: Richard Honymar

Others Present: Carol Mellaci, Jerri Lynch, Eddie Thomas, Michele Bernich

Others from the community: Linda Porter (ARC of Monmouth), Chris Murphy & Thor Pfister (In Spirit Living)

2. MINUTES

Revisions to minutes requested before approval.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- Green Team training part 3 is this weekend at the Ag building in Freehold.
- ANJEC Save Green workshop-Monday March 29, Wycoff Rd., Wall.
- NJ Environmental Federation-Sat., April 17.
- Monmouth Co Shade Tree Commission Forum upcoming April 14, 7PM.
- Liquefied Natural Gas Questionnaire from EP

4. OLD BUSINESS

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

- EC decision to postpone planting and educational sessions until the Fall
- Discussion regarding alternate/additional locations and permits
- Review Open Space Map in Master Plan for potential sites recommended

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

- Suggested South Bath Avenue beach area as possible pilot project
- Columbia University currently collecting data off of Long Branch and other areas for Surfers Environmental Alliance
- Exploration of stormwater grant and stimulus fund monies discussed

c. Energy Efficiency and Transportation (DH)

- Summary of city's meeting with EC member Honymar and ARC Renewable Energy, LLC last week; ARC will develop proposal
- Approaches to wind energy distributed

d. Community Channel 20 Interview

- Interview scheduled to discuss Master Plan and Environmental Commission

e. Lake Takanassee Clean Up

- Scheduled for Saturday, May 8
- Special Event Permit required
- Notifications, flyers, press releases discussed

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Natural Resource Management: Environmental/Natural Resource Inventory (ERI)

- EC agrees that ERI is essential
- Commission Member Mancini to spearhead
- ANJEC Grant effort substantiated

b. Master Plan Update

- On schedule and under budget
- Vote for adoption is scheduled for tomorrow evening's Planning Board meeting

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Partnering efforts with ARC of Monmouth and In Spirit Living discussed
- b. Upcoming In Spirit Living environmental events for EC and City to support:
- April 10-Masquerade Party
 - April 21 (6-9PM)- Earth Day event at Piancone's: Environmentally inspired Art show

7. ADJOURNMENT; 8:35PM.

Next meeting: Monday, April 19; 6:30.

By the order of:
Mark Smiga, Chairperson