



MEETING MINUTES
Environmental Commission
Wednesday, April 16, 2012

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

The Regular Workshop meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission on April 16, 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,

Other: Michele Bernich, City Liaison (until 8:15)

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES and Annual Report**

Rich Garlipp moved to accept the February minutes. Carol seconded. Marc abstained from voting. Unanimous vote.

Carol moved to accept the revised March minutes. Rich Garlipp seconded. Unanimous vote.

Following a discussion about the annual report, Carol moved to accept the revised report and Rich Lee seconded. Unanimous vote.

- Michele to request agenda date of May 22 for presentation at Council Workshop.
- Faith will send copy to ANJEC.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS** – Mark showed an article about dune plantings done by the LB Middle School students and the American Littoral Society as an illustration of LB School system activities and a potential resource for naturalizing projects. Also one that indicated the amount of funding for water quality testing is being cut.

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

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

6. OLD BUSINESS –

Sustainable Jersey

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

Community Education and Outreach - Jen and Carol

1. We will be tabling at 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 – still under discussion
3. Oct 13 or 14 Clean up or fun activity

Ceil has been working to set up a dialogue with LB School System.

ERI Continuance

Beachscapes – Rich

Rich showed us his survey. He will try to get MU and Brookdale help after Labor Day to assist in the survey.

Stormwater – Rich

Long Branch has approximately 800 outflow pipes limitation of progress tied to funding sources. Funding sources under evaluation but limited.

Whale Pond Brook/Takanassee Lake Watershed – Faith

Faith announced a clean-up on Ross Island for April 19. She indicated that all five towns had now signed on.

Heritage Trees – Rich

Rich passed out the definition of a heritage tree. Rich will prepare a development plan of areas to focus on (e.g. Gateways, Corridors and Groves). Initial mapping to be done Hollywood Lake Maple Grove

7. NEW BUSINESS -

Mark announced that Dick Honymar resigned leaving a vacancy to fill. Request made to develop a candidate list for presentation to the Mayor.

Expiring terms are:

July: Mark, Faith, Rich Garlipp

5. HEARINGS OF PUBLIC COMMENT - none
6. OTHER – Joy Bastelli, our City Council liaison discussed her plans for a Downtown Renew Campaign. Jenn, Carol and Faith were asked to help in this effort. This mission of this campaign is to get people to keep the downtown area clean and perhaps do some beautification of the shops and area. There will be a Downtown Renew clean-up on May 12. Carol mentioned that we are looking for volunteers to participate in this event. This will fulfill the anti-litter campaign section of Sustainable Jersey. The Commission agreed to support the Downtown Renew campaign.
7. ADJOURNMENT – Rich Lee motioned to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Ceil Mancini seconded.

By the order of: Mark Smiga, Chairperson

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