



**MEETING MINUTES
Environmental Commission
Monday, June 18, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Regular Workshop meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission on June 18, 2012, came to order at 6:50 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, Jen Smiga, Richard Lee, Mark Smiga,
Rick Garlipp

Members Absent: Faith Teitelbaum, Rich Garlipp, Ceil Mancini

Others Present: Joy Bastelli (Council Liaison)

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Changes to May minutes were noted. Acceptance of minutes were postponed until next meeting. Amended minutes will be circulated to all members present from May meeting for review and acceptance.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Notice of reappointments for members Faith, Mark, and Rich Garlipp. Notice of appointment of Rick Garlipp to fill unexpired term for Richard Honymar to June 30, 2013.

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

5. REPORT OF COMMISSION'S PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

No plans requiring review by LBEC at this time.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Sustainable Jersey Action Items Reports from Project Managers

i. Community Education and Outreach

1. West End Car Show (see new business)

2. Downtown Renew

Downtown Renew is in the process of gathering information from surveys of businesses. Initial reports have shown that businesses had many questions about ordinances and many were unaware of ordinances specific to litter. Members brainstormed ways to

recognize businesses (i.e. “Sparkle Award”, picture in LINK News).

- ii. Ongoing discussion of Sustainable Jersey
 - 1. LBEC Project Managers or Exec. Committee member will provide project plans to City Liaison for review and fit into Sustainable Jersey Criteria.
 - 2. Request was made to table Sustainable Jersey as main topic of Old Business, and instead discuss Sustainable Jersey as component of individual projects, where appropriate (i.e. subtopics “Status Report” and “Forward Action Plan” for each project, with SJ discussion where appropriate)

b. ERI Continuance

i. Beachscapes

Initial effort will commence after Labor Day.

ii. Stormwater

Discussed “gap analysis” of funding sources and grant identification (action plan: 1) Establish stronger liaison for ANJEC for consideration of grant money, 2) Communication with Administrative Analyst at Department of Public Works to search for possible grant money, 3) Possible communication with Department of Environmental Protection). Also discussed coordination with Long Branch Schools (e.g. SOLVE program, groups at LBMS and LBHS)

iii. Whale Pond Brook / Takanassee Lake – No Report

iv. Tree Survey and Heritage Program- No Report

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Leaf blower noise and storm drain- tabled

b. Workshop with Green Committee Target Joint meeting July 30th

c. West End Car Show (Saturday, July 14, 2012, 6 – 10 PM)

i. LBEC will have a six foot table at Car Show near Family Pharmacy

ii. Table will include enviroscape, limited literature, and a sign up board. LBEC banner and tablecloth will be used as well.

iii. Table shifts were split from 5-7 PM and 7-9 PM, with volunteer schedule being organized.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

9. OTHER

10. ADJOURNMENT

Carol Mellaci motioned to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Richard Lee seconded.

By the order of: Mark Smiga, Chairperson

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 30, 2012 @ 6:30 PM