



LBEC Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 15, 2012

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

The Regular Workshop meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission on October 15th, 2012, came to order at 6:38 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: Ceil Mancini, Carol Mellaci, Richard Lee, Faith Teitelbaum, Rich Garlipp, Rick Garlipp

Members Absent: Mark Smiga, Jen Smiga

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

September – Carol Mellaci motioned to accept LBEC minutes for September. Rich Garlipp seconded. Unanimous vote.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

a. Anti-idling Campaign

1) Will be discussed in the December meeting

b. Discussion of improving the communication process of open or upcoming projects in the City involving environmental resources. Members of commission would like to be better informed in a timely fashion of all projects with potential impacts on City natural resources so constructive input can be provided.

4. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

a. LBEC By-Laws

1) Review of changes

A- Revision to add Effective Date at conclusion of By-Laws

2) Vote to send Revised By-Laws to City Council

A- Motion to submit revised By-Laws to City Council by Rich Garlipp. Seconded by Carol Mellaci. Unanimous vote.

b. Elinore Avenue Proposal

1) Update on Proposal Submission

A- Planting will be postponed until Spring 2013 as advised by Master Gardeners.

B- Discussion of proposal for 2013 – Request to have Parks and Public Property budget funds from 2013 proposal used for Elinore Avenue planting

C- Thursday, October 18th – clearing water bank, putting down cardboard, and adding wood chips

2) Planting Schedule to be determined for Spring planting

c. Discussion of use of remaining funds for 2012

1) Focus on public education for use of funds

2) Enviroscape – Carol Mellaci will speak with Michelle

Bernich about remaining funds and using these funds to purchase an enviroscape. Topic will be revisited in November meeting with options, prices, etc.

- 3) Additional panels for the LBEC display (anti-litter, watersheds, trees), case for display, conversation with graphic designer
- d. September 29th West End Block Party and Pooch Parade
 - 1) Review of Event
 - 2) Recommended events in the next year – Car Shows, Neighborhood Night Out, possible high school involvement (Environmental Club)
- e. Status Reports on Ongoing ERI Continuance Items
 - 1) Beachscapes
 - A-October 27th 10:00 AM – measuring beachscapes
 - B-Richard Lee will be in contact about meeting point
 - 2) Stormwater
 - 3) Whale Pond Brook/Takanassee Lake
 - A-Discussion of walkway bordering watershed (Long Branch and Monmouth University already involved. Ocean Township will bring this proposal to their City Council.)
 - B-Toms River DEP evaluating and submitting violations at various points of watershed (Twin Brook, etc.)
 - C-Letter to the Administrator and Health Director in regard to adding adequate budgetary appropriations for proper response to the problem of geese / “goose patrol”
 - a) Motion by Richard Lee to develop a letter to send in regard to this matter. This will be composed and sent prior to next meeting. Motion seconded by Rich Garlipp. Unanimous vote.
 - 4) Tree Survey and Heritage Program
 - A-Document with Purpose, Policy, Guidelines, and Suggestions for Heritage Tree Designation – to be resent and discussed as a policy within commission and voted upon. In addition, seven sites to be discussed at Heritage Trees.
 - B-Discussion of trees on corner of Bath Avenue and Westwood Avenue for designation as Heritage Tree – involved with current planning site
- f. Report from Green Committee Liaison

None at this time. Next GC Meeting Thursday, October 25, 2012.
5. REPORT OF COMMISSION’S PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

None at this time.
6. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.
7. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.
8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.
9. OTHER
10. ADJOURNMENT

Re: *Environmental Commission
Regular Workshop Meeting Agenda*

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Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM by Faith Teitelbaum. Seconded by Carol Mellaci. Unanimous vote.

By the order of: Mark Smiga, Chairperson

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 19, 2012 @ 6:30 PM