



LBEC MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, December 17, 2012

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

The Regular Workshop meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission on December 17th, 2012, came to order at 6:37 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: Faith Teitelbaum, Richard Lee, Ceil Mancini, Rick Garlipp, Rich Garlipp
Members Absent: Mark Smiga, Carol Mellaci, Jen Smiga
Others Present: Michele Bernich (City Liaison)

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

a. October minutes - Motion to accept Faith Teitelbaum, Rich Garlipp seconded.
Unanimous vote.

b. November minutes – Funding for refreshments will be removed from Stormwater Stenciling and made a general fund for yearly events. Motion by Richard Lee, Seconded by Rich Garlipp. Faith Teitelbaum will contact Carol Mellaci about this change. Motion to accept Richard Lee. Seconded by Faith Teitelbaum. Unanimous vote.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

a. Anti-idling Campaign

1) Will be reviewed and decided to be entered into LBEC projects or dismissed

b. Green Communities Grant 2013

1) Relevant Committees (Heritage Tree, Whalepond Brook, Community Gardens) will review grant process for Community Forestry to be applied to SJ item

c. Sustainable Jersey Update Memo

1) Review of subaction item for Community Forestry Plan and Canopy Goal

4. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

a. Status Reports on Ongoing ERI Continuance Items

1) Heritage Tree and Tree Survey

A- Heritage Tree guidelines

a) Eliminate talk of “policy”

b) Title should be “LBEC Draft Guidelines for the Identification and Protection of Heritage Trees”

c) Policy heading will be changed to Rationale

d) Added section to Rationale stating “Findings should be added to ERI as required.”

e) Third and Fourth bulleted points in Rationale section as well as Guidelines section will be under heading “Approach”

B- Addition of identified trees at the end of the Draft

C- Heritage tree identification will be discussed in committee

2) Beachscapes

A- Review of October 27th observations and effect of storm

- 3) Stormwater
- 4) Whale Pond Brook/Takanassee Lake
 - A- Two clean ups in Long Branch and a clean up in Oakhurst
 - B- In process of nonprofit status certification which will allow acceptance of donations – estimate of one month away
 - C- Discussion of the state of Greens Pond and dam adjacent to Lake Takanassee
 - a) Faith Teitelbaum will speak with several experts in regard to the river herring and the impact of the dam
 - b) Faith Teitelbaum will follow-up with LBEC about further possible action
- b. Update on concerns from Hurricane Sandy relevant to LBEC
 - 1) Effect of storm on sandpiper population in Seven President's Park
 - 2) Discussion of task force to determine local speakers to present at Resiliency of the Shore that will represent Long Branch community
 - 3) Greens Pond
 - 4) Guidelines for determining which trees should be planted in the City based on size, root structure, etc. (reference: Ocean Township ordinance)
- 5. REPORT OF COMMISSION'S PLANNING BOARD MEMBER
- 6. OLD BUSINESS
- 7. NEW BUSINESS
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 9. OTHER
- 10. ADJOURNMENT
 - Motion to adjourn at 8:37 PM by Ceil Mancini. Seconded by Rich Garlipp. Unanimous vote.

By the order of: Mark Smiga, Chairperson

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 14, 2013 @ 6:30 PM