



## **LBEC/Green Team Workshop Meeting Minutes**

**DATE: Wednesday February 20, 2013**

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

The Regular Workshop meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, came to order at 6:35 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, Rich Garlipp, Rick Garlipp, Carol Mellaci, Ceil Mancini

Members Absent: Mark Smiga, Jen Smiga

Green Team Present: Michele Bernich, Ed Thomas, Suzan Cole, Buzz Baldanza, Chris Benosky

Green Team Absent: Jerri Lynch, Ray Syms, Coral Magbanua, John Gregory

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- a. January minutes – Motion to accept minutes by Rich Garlipp, seconded by Faith Teitelbaum. Unanimous vote.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS & BILLS**

- a. None

4. **WORKSHOP SESSION: Collaboration and discussion facilitated by City Liaison**

A. Hurricane Sandy Updates

- 1) Review of event on February 16 at Union Avenue Firehouse for those affected by storm

B. Projects

1) Beachscapes

- a. Discussion of beachscape prints pre-Sandy
- b. Difficulty at this point to determine next time to make observations as access to beaches is minimal at this time.

2) Stormwater

- a. Discussion of effect of Sandy on stormwater system
- b. Discussion of DPW efforts around City
- c. Debris cleanup around rivers/bays by State Contractors in future

3) Lake Takanassee: Buffer Restoration, Streetscape, Trails

- a. City working with groups, DEP, and FEMA due to breach from storm
- b. Open Space Grant accepted for bank stabilization pre-Sandy; ongoing discussion about how storm damage has affected this effort
- c. Awaiting decision about Transportation Enhancement Grant: would be used for Phase II for northern area of Lake
- d. Applied for grant that would cover material cost for trail system around watershed from trestle to Norwood Avenue; DPW would provide labor
- e. Discussion of dam between Lake and Ocean

4) Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association Updates, Elinore Ave & Stone Hut Projects

- out to bid
- b. March 30<sup>th</sup> – Elinore Avenue cleanup with Clean Communities
- c. Cleanups with Clean Ocean Action monthly: next on March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- d. Updates on adjacent municipalities
- e. NJ American Water grant
- 5) Tree Survey and Heritage Program
  - a. Review Draft Guidelines
  - b. Suggestion to remove Heritage Trees from Draft Guidelines and create an additional document with Heritage Trees and maps of locations
  - c. Document will be sent to Green Team and LBEC for further review
- 6) Jackson Woods
  - a. Scheduled cleanup for April 6<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Upcoming projects through Green Team
- 7) Troutman's Greenway Status
  - a. On hold at this time
- C. Community Outreach

5. REPORT OF COMMISSION'S PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

None

6. REPORT OF LIAISON(S)

None

7. OTHER

None

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Richard Lee motioned to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Carol Mellaci seconded. Unanimous vote.

By the order of: Mark Smiga, Chairperson

*NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 18, 2013 @ 6:30 PM*