



## **LBEC Meeting Minutes March 18, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL
  - a. The Regular Workshop meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission on Monday, March 18, 2013, came to order at 6:48 PM in the City Hall Caucus Room, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ, having been duly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.
  - b. LBEC Members present: Mark Smiga, Faith Teitelbaum, Richard Lee, Ceil Mancini, Carol Mellaci, Rick Garlipp
  - c. LBEC Members Absent: Rich Garlipp, Jen Smiga
  - d. Others present: Joy Bastelli (City Council liaison), Jim Baye (Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association)
2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES
  - a. February Minutes – Richard Lee motioned to accept. Ceil Mancini seconded. Unanimous vote.
3. COMMUNICATIONS & BILLS
  - a. None
4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
  - a. Review of February Workshop meeting with Green Team
    - 1) Review of how workshop was run and projects that were discussed
    - 2) Scheduled cleanup of Jackson Woods for April 6<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Ongoing events and community activity
    - 1) Waves of Action cleanup at Jackson Woods and Lake Takanassee on Saturday, March 23, 2013
    - 2) Discussion of City direction
      - A- Beach replenishment is on hold at this time – timeframe is not set
      - B- West End bluffs – area between West End beach and Cottage Place is not structurally sound at this time
        - a) "Bluff" is area of the rocks and dirt up to the level of the boardwalk, which was damaged in storm
        - b) 9 beaches proposed to be open (9 points of access)
  - c. Status Reports on Ongoing ERI Continuance Items
    - 1) Beachscapes
      - A- Dune restoration
        - a) Optimal location for dune restoration in Long Branch – TBD
        - b) Monmouth County Park System dune restoration work done three weeks ago in Seven President's Park near skate park
    - 2) Stormwater
      - A- DPW worked on any sand and debris clogged basins
      - B- Further exploration of effects of Sandy is ongoing
      - C- Recommendations for infrastructure proposals for City - TBD
    - 3) Whale Pond Brook/Takanassee Lake
      - A- Elinore Avenue planting discussion and attached documents

- a) Presented schematic of proposed plantings – schematic will be adjusted to reflect difference in depth of 28’ section and 58’ section
- b) Discussion of financial proposal
  - i. Additional expense of groundcloth and mulch
  - ii. Possible acquisition of mulch and compost from Eatontown, based on availability/ability to transport
  - iii. Groundcloth – 4 rolls of 8’ x 300’ (9600 sq ft) to cover two blocks of 125’ x 28’ and 100’ x 58’ (9300 sq ft)
    - 1. Purchase order this week
    - 2. Purchase and pickup as scheduled
  - iv. Discussion of size of root-ball to determine any necessary additional equipment/expense for tree plantings; itinerary of plantings by volunteers based on possible earlier plantings of trees by DPW
  - v. Goose fencing or netting?
  - vi. Additional funding of \$300 from LBEC Temporary funds to be used as needed for purchase of Elinore Avenue plantings

4) Heritage Tree and Tree Survey

A-Heritage Tree Draft Guidelines and Draft Designation Form

5. REPORT OF COMMISSION’S PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

a. None

6. REPORT OF LIAISON(S)

a. None

7. OTHER

a. None

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. No public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Richard Lee to adjourn at 9:01 pm. Mark Smiga seconded. Unanimous vote.

By the order of: Mark Smiga, Chairperson

*NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 15, 2013 @ 6:30 PM*