

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2018 *2017*

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM

Reading of Open Public Meetings Act Statement by Chairman:

I hereby declare that notice has been given to the Herald Times and posted on the bulletin board of the Middle Township Municipal Building, stating the time and place of the following meeting, as required in P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the State of New Jersey. (Sunshine Law)

ROLL CALL:

Attendance: Members Vilma Pombo, Betsy Haskins, Jim Amenhauser, Larissa Smith, & Rachel Shepherd.

Absent: Josh Nemeth & Dawn Stimmel

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes - November 16, 2016 (attached)

On motion by: Larissa Smith

Seconded by: Jim Amenhauser

Minutes were approved by all in attendance.

Communications

Amy S. Greene for Applicant County of Cape May - Public Notice for Application for NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands and Flood Hazard Area Permit Approvals - Block 8.01-Lot 125; Block 8.01-Lot 126 and Block 10.01-Lot 126. (3 ponds at Cape May Co. Zoo on both sides of Route 9 North. Necessary clean up work) no comment.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife - Reeds Beach Marsh Enhancement Project-Coastal General Permit 24 Application; Block 3801-Lot 2. (Ditches to be cleaned, etc.) no comment.

NJ Tree Foundation - Application for Free Trees - Last line of letter reads "Trees must be planted and not given away." with a follow-up report including photos before & after of tree planting is required. (Vilma to call for clarification)

Estuary News Magazine - Eagle Festival in Cumberland Co. Feb 4th from 8am to 4pm. See attached poster for additional details) Larissa advised that she would be there with Conserve Wildlife. She also said Cape May Co. now has 10 Eagle nests being monitored.

Unfinished Business

Clean-up Day - committee voted to postpone until Sept. or Oct.

Idling Law and revision of existing Landscaping Law was referred to Middle Township Committee in 2016 with no action being taken. Needs to be addressed and Vilma will review with new information to refer again.

New Business - Events to be scheduled for 2017

Earth Day at the Zoo on April 22nd.
Clean-up Day in Sept. or early Oct. (date pending)
Harvest Festival on Oct. 21st
Christmas in Court House on Dec. 1st

Reports & other business -

Reminder no meetings in July, August and December.

Pollinator Law S.2076 - for protection of bees and other pollinators from the dangers of pesticides in New Jersey sponsored by N.J. Audubon is pending in the N.J. Legislature. Committee; MTEC voted to support legislation with letter to state legislators and N.J. Audubon. (Vilma to draft)

Announcements:

Delaware Estuary Science & Environmental Summit @Grand Hotel in Cape May on Jan. 22 thru Jan. 25 call 800 445-4935 for info.

Reminder about free Rabies Clinic at MLK Center Jan. 28th 2-3 PM

Work on Sea Isle Blvd. to stop March 15th due to 3 Osprey nesting sites.

ANJEC Environmental Comm. Training April 1st (Saturday) at Atlantic Co. MUA in Galloway Twp. 9am - 1:30pm call 973 539-7547. Cost \$45.00

Cape May Native Plant Sale and Spring Festival May 19th to 21st
Call 609 427-3006 or 609 427- 3045 for info.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm

On Motion By: Jim Amehauser
Approved by all members.

Seconded By: Betsy Haskin

Minutes by: Vilma