



MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 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).

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Vilma Pombo, Rachel Shepherd, Betsy Haskin, Larissa Smith, Josh Nemeth, Jim Amenhauer, Dawn Stimmel

ABSENT: Jeff Schafer, Jim Collins,

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes – February 17, 2016

On Motion By Jim Amenhauer

Seconded By: Josh Nemeth

Minutes were approved by all.

GUEST SPEAKER: Zachery Nickerson – Littoral Society

Zachery spoke about 2 main projects in Middle Township – Horseshoe Crab Tagging and Oyster Reefs. Horseshoe tagging is being done on Reeds, Cooks and Kimbles Beaches. They will put out 5,000 tags this year, making that the second largest number of tags in the world. Oyster Reefs have been placed on South Reeds Beach. This is not done for harvesting, just for conservation purposes only. The shells are put in mesh bags and piled on beach spacing them out. Baby oysters will attach to the shells and start growing. Also monitoring to see if it helps with beach erosion,

The Committee is considering doing a field trip to see the Horseshoe Crab Tagging area and the Oysters Reefs. Will have to schedule a trip around all the board members and with Zachery.

1.) Communications

- Thomas-Amey-Shaw, Inc. – Applicant: David Ricci – Address: 586 Old Avalon Blvd. – Block: 17; Lots: 55,55.01 (old lot 86) – Legalize existing docking facilities – **CAFRA Application with DEP – NO COMMENT.**

2.) **Unfinished Business** – April 16th is Earth Day at CMC Park. We applied for 500 Seedlings from the NJ State Forestry Service to be given out on Earth Day. Vilma will pick them up on April 8th in Woodbine and hold them until Earth Day. Betsy, Josh, Larissa and Rachel will help out on Earth Day.

The Idling Ordinance is still tabled—Vilma is going to speak with the Mayor about it.

3.) New Business – NONE

4.) Reports – NONE

Meeting adjourned: 7:31 PM

On Motion By: Jim Amehauser

Seconded By: Rachel Shepherd

Approved by all.