



**MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 6:42 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, Larissa Smith, Dawn Stimmel, Rachel Shepherd, Josh Nemeth, Betsy Haskin, Jim Amenhauser

ABSENT: Amanda DeVico

GUESTS: Jeanine Baum, Charlene Smith - Residents of Stone Harbor Manor

Spoke about the area across from the Wetlands that they would like to expand a garden in. Trying to figure out best and least expensive way to do that. Vilma said they could apply for grants. Jeanine said she spoke with Lenore at the Wetlands and Lenore told her they may possibly have grant money they would give them if they kept the area turtle friendly and used indigenous plants, which led her to Josh and that is why they were at the meeting. They are trying to figure out the best way to garden that area while at the same time respecting the environment. It is a grassy area with sandy soil and the salt water does intrude the area sometimes. Josh said he knew how to deal with that. During discussion, it was noted this piece of land is owned by the County. Advised them they needed to speak with the County prior to doing anything with it. They would still like to speak with Josh to get an idea of what to plant in the area and an estimate on what he feels the cost would be.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approval of Minutes - JUNE 21, 2017

On Motion By: Jim Amenhauser

Seconded By: Rachel Shepherd

Approved by all

Communications

- Shoreland Environmental Consulting - Applicant: Peter & Maria Johnson- Address: 28 Seabreeze Lane - Block 117.04 - Lot 45; Waterfront Development Application - Reconstruct new vinyl bulkhead within 24" of existing timber bulkhead. **Does not need permits from Township - just needs to verify with DEP.**
- Natural Systems Utilities - Applicant: New Jersey American Water - Address: The Links at Avalon, 1506 Rt 9 N - Block 114 - Lot 9.01 - Treatment Works Approval Application. **No comment.**
- M.V. Engineering - Applicant: Richard Adelizzi - Address: Millman Blvd; Block 391 - Lot 30 - Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation. **No comment.**
- MV Engineering - Applicant: Charles & Renee Barto - Address: 20 Church Rd, Rio Grande - Block 1450 - Lot 18 - Major Site Plan and Use Variance - Zoning Board - no date given. **Depends on engineers decision.**
- K2 - Applicant: Celtic Air Enterprises, LLC - Address: 10 Indian Trail - Block 354.02 - Lot 9; Minor Site Plan - Planning Board- no date given. **Glad using existing building-No comment - already done.**
- MV Engineering - Applicant : Tompkins Builders - Address: 1121 Rt 9 S - Block: 355.01 - Lot(s) 12, 13; Waiver - Zoning Board - no date given. **No comment.**
- Estuary News

Old Business - Butterfly garden at Ockie Wisting - Josh and Vilma are going to meet with Rob Flynn at Ocki. Passed around pictures of gazebo that is now at the complex, which was donated by the Rotary Club.

Harvest Fest - Needs help to man the table - will have a bird house to give away.

New Business - None

Reports - None

Comments - Josh spoke about how poor NJ Environmental laws are. They have no teeth. He is going over our Landscaping Ordinances to see how we can make them better. Feels we need to define what noxious weeds are.
Talk on new houses being built while there are so many houses that are in foreclosure.

Meeting adjourned (time) 7:53 PM

On Motion By: Josh Nemeth

Seconded By: Jim Amehauser

Motion passed to adjourn meeting.