

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 9, 2015

Meeting No: 2015-06

Members Present: Bixby, Buck, Daly, Pilling, Wesson, White, Witkowski

Members Absent: McIntyre

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the April 2015 meeting were approved. No meeting was held in May.
- C. Bixby stated that the dune planting presentation was a great success. The event was well attended and positive feedback was received about the subject matter and the speaker, Dr. Wootton.
- C. Bixby stated that the Earth Day litter pickup went very well. Lots of trash and debris was picked up and it was a good day overall. Both the presentation and the clean-up received press coverage in the Ocean Star.
- C. Bixby mentioned that the Barnegat Bay Blitz sponsored by the NJDEP took place on June 3, 2015. Representatives of the DEP cleaned up the two beaches at Bergen Ave., the rock revetment at the end of South Lagoon Ln. and the revetment on Bay Ave. It was noted by E. McIntyre during the event that there was not a lot of trash / litter to pick up since we had just had our Earth Day clean up.
- Sandy W. reported continued progress by the Seaweeders for the new Patty Brand garden along Bergen Avenue although no actual work has begun at the site.
- Lance mentioned he and Eileen have been discussing holding another clean-up day during the summer, possibly in July. The clean-up would be geared towards getting families and children involved and include a gathering at the end with a small B-B-Q and drinks for the participants. Lance and Eileen (in absentia) volunteered to lead that effort.
- J. Buck mentioned that the Jersey Shore chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey will host a presentation on edible native plants.
- J. Wesson mentioned that he understands the benefits of placing pea gravel between the curb and sidewalks along Rt. 35 but the pebbles are getting everywhere.
- J. Wesson mentioned that on or around the date of the Commission's Earth Day clean-up, Lan Design applied weed killer to an area around Curtis Point. When John asked Lan Design about this, the

foreman stated that Lan Design had been asked to clear out and clean up the area and the area was so full of poison ivy, they wanted to kill it off before working on the area.

- J. Buck stated that the science symposium sponsored by Save Barnegat Bay was phenomenal and will forward copies of her notes to Commission members.
- J. Buck noted that the sea nettles are back in the Bay. C. Bixby stated that he has seen the nettles off his dock in South Lagoon.
- The next meeting will be July 14, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Mantoloking Yacht Club Sailing Center.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Courtney Bixby, Chairman