

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 14, 2015

Meeting No: 2015-07

Members Present: Bixby, McIntyre, Pilling, Wesson, White, Witkowski

Members Absent: Daly

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the June 2015 meeting were approved.
- C. Bixby stated that Jenny Buck had submitted a letter of resignation from the Commission which was accepted with regret. At Eileen's suggestion C. Bixby approached Ms. Joan Mattia about filling the open position. Ms. Mattia indicated that she would consider the offer and plans on attending the next meeting of the Commission.
- Sandy W. reported continued progress by the Seaweeders for the new Patty Brand garden along Bergen Avenue and work has begun at the site. C. Bixby mentioned that the Borough DPW placed and graded two loads of sand (1 each) on the two small beaches along Bergen Avenue. This was a big improvement to the beaches.
- Lance mentioned he and Eileen have been discussing the summer clean-up day and they decided that summertime was just too busy. Eileen proposed that a joint clean-up day be held in September with the Bay Head Environmental Commission. The date of September 26, 2015 was tentatively set and Eileen will contact Sharon Shannon of the BHEC to coordinate. Eileen suggested that we try and get the Mayors and members of council to participate. All felt this was a good idea.
- John Wesson mentioned that a recent article in the Asbury Park Press indicated that the sea nettle population in the Bay is down from previous years but this is most likely a temporary decline.
- Connie Pilling mentioned that NJ American Water has been doing some work at their site along Bay Ave. although the site could still use some cleaning up. Connie also mentioned that she would like to see the Borough move forward with the repair/replacement of the sidewalks throughout the town.
- Eileen said that we should add a couple of topics to the Commission's web page;
  - A reminder to citizens on conserving water with proper sprinkler operation.
  - A recipe for an effective weed killer that can mixed at home with products readily available from the supermarket.

C. Bixby will ask Ed O'Malley to post.

- Eileen mentioned that there seems to be a problem with the new storm water pumping station at the end of Downer Avenue. The pump station appears to be pumping dark, odorous water at times of no rainfall which could indicate a leak in the system. Commission members were not aware of any problems with the station.
- J. Wesson mentioned that since Super Storm Sandy he has not had a problem with fleas on his cats. Not sure if there is a direct cause and effect but it is just an observation.
- The next meeting will be August 11, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Mantoloking Yacht Club Sailing Center.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Courtney Bixby, Chairman