

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 19, 2016

Meeting No: 2016-08

Members Present: Bixby, Mattia, McIntyre, O'Malley, Pilling, Wesson, White

Members Absent:

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the July meeting were not available for approval. The July and August meeting minutes will be approved at the September meeting.
- The August "Tip of the Month" was drafted and posted by Ed O'Malley and addressed reducing the adverse effects of runoff from a homeowner's property. Joan Mattia reported that the August tip was printed in last week's Ocean Star. E. McIntyre volunteered to draft the September tip.

J. Mattia distributed a table listing the tips of the month that have been posted. The table indicated that most of the tips addressed lawn care, native plants, and fertilizers. The September and October tips will branch out and address the topics of composting and reducing a household's carbon footprint.

- The group reviewed and commented on the new and improved Commission logo. All felt that the logo was great. C. Bixby will contact the Borough Clerk and the Mayor to see what is involved in getting the logo officially approved. Once approved, the Commission will recognize B. Vienkowski for her efforts on behalf of the Commission.
- Ed reported continued progress in the drafting a resolution for promoting good environmental practices. Once completed the draft will be submitted to the members for review and comment.
- C. Bixby stated that he is working on the summer/fall 2016 newsletter and asked for input.
- L. White reported that he made an announcement at the last Borough Council meeting addressing the issue of residents using trash cans and not leaving trash at the curb in plastic bags.
- Ed O'Malley indicated that Save Barnegat Bay is still mounting an opposition to the planned commercial development of Traders Cove in Brick and that there is a aerial video on the web showing an outdoor concert at the park, demonstrating the intended use of the county park.
- J. Mattia reported that the Star Ledger reported that there are public hearings scheduled in Mercer and Hunterdon Counties to hear comments on the proposed Penn East pipeline. There is still active opposition to the construction of the pipeline.

- E. McIntyre stated that she will begin the preliminary work in getting a speaker lined up for early fall. Eileen would like to see if she could find someone to speak on the topic of lawn fertilizers and their effects on pets. Ed suggested speaking with Bryce Bennett a licensed landscape architect in Toms River.
- Connie Pilling reported that noise from boats on the Bay continues to be a problem and that she has spoken with town hall regarding this issue. All agreed that boat noise is a problem, but a difficult problem to resolve.
- Connie reported that Keavy (Atlantic Plants) has reported that several of her clients are experiencing a problem with cinch bugs killing off all their dune grass. Keavy has found an organic solution that seems to be effective in controlling the bugs and has reached out to the Rutgers Ag. Center for input and assistance.
- The next meeting will be held September 13, 2016 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Mantoloking Yacht Club Sailing Center.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
Courtney Bixby, Chairman