



August 22, 2023

Meeting Minutes No: 2023-08

MANTOLOKING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting held in-person in the
Steve Gillingham Meeting Room, Municipal Building
And via conference bridge.**

Attendance:

MEC/Green Team Members	Present?
Barbara Hood Benz, Chair	Yes
Denise Boughton	No
John Mooney	No
Barbara Turro	Yes
John Wesson	Yes
Green Team Members	
Jan O'Malley	Yes
Peter Andruss	Yes
Ann Lewis	No

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes

Barbara T. moved the approval of the June minutes. John W. seconded. The minutes were approved. It will be determined at the September meeting who will take the September meeting minutes.

MEC/Green Team Regular Business

Planning Board

- The Master Plan draft protocol was not reviewed at the September Planning Board meeting. The goal is for it to be incorporated into the ERI as a 2023 update to Recommendation 6.1.2.
- No applications have been received for the September Planning Board meeting, but a zoning appeal on the agenda continues to hold up their work relative to adopting an amended Master Plan Re-examination report.

Preservation of Swan Point Project

- There is no follow up regarding this project since the last meeting, however, Jan O. informed us that she has a contact who was effective in having the Army Corps of Engineers renourish the area in front of Mordecai Island located in front of the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club. She is hoping to have a discussion with this contact to perhaps assist in getting guidance to help further the Swan Point project.

Patty Brand Memorial Garden Shoreline Protection & Garden Maintenance

- No update.



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MEC/Green Team Other Initiatives

Calendar

Past:

- The showing of Drift on August 18th at the Sailing Center at the Mantoloking Yacht Club was a success. This was open to the public, and there were approximately 46 attendees. The Sailing Center was filled to capacity. An introduction was provided by Allysa and Gavin from Save Barnegat Bay. This was followed by a 9-minute discussion by Willie DeCamp about topics related to the film. John W. informed the commission that after the film, an attendee mentioned that she had absolutely no knowledge of the far-reaching watershed in the area, and she found the film to be very educational.

Future:

- Peter A. stated that there are many people who could not attend the Drift film in August and that another presentation should be considered for September or October. He will work with SBB and the Yacht Club to sort out the logistics to make this possible and provide potential dates for the event.
- As stated in the July minutes, Oct. 21 will be the date for Beach Cleanup with Clean Ocean Action.
- Follow up on future Speaker: Jan O. will continue looking into the Rozalia Project and potentially invite Rachael Miller as a future speaker. Jan will contact Rachel to determine her level of interest and availability. It was determined that the ideal time for this event would be in the last two weeks of May. Jan has communicated via email to the Yacht Club regarding using the facility as a location for the event. <https://www.rozaliaproject.org>

Fall Newsletter Planning

- Some MEC members provided topics that they are willing to write about as follows: Barbara B. – recycling, Jan O. – The Rozalia Project and article regarding the prevention of bay sea nettles through dock and bulkhead cleaning, John W. – importance of milkweed plants and monarch butterflies.

Mantoloking Historical District

- Jan O. communicated with architect Ben Kracauer, and he indicated that he may be interested in assisting to update and reestablish the Mantoloking historical architectural study and status. Ben would prefer to meet with the commission after Labor Day.

MEC Facebook Posts and Events since 7/25/2023 Meeting:

- 8/10: Boat Flare Disposal Program announcement
- 7/28: Drift showing announcement for 8/18

MEC Attended Educational Events:

- With the busy summer schedule, there were no events attended.

New Topics:

- John W. is hoping to do some Crape Myrtle trimming through the fall months.
- Discussion continued regarding noisy leaf blowers. Perhaps the commission could introduce a resolution to ban loud gas-powered blowers to the borough council. This is something that would ultimately need to be passed by the council. There was also some brief conversation



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regarding residents' increased use of outdoor lighting. There are ordinances pertaining to this and the goal is to reduce outdoor lighting as well as enforce the code relative to this.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

The next MEC meeting will be in person at the Borough Hall on Tuesday, 9/26/2023 at 5:30 pm.