

Cynthia Coritz	4.0	Nedean Maddox	11.0
Nicole Babcock	5.0		

OLD BUSINESS:

Pat Everson reviewed the Adopt a Highway participation event, stating it went very well. Volunteers were helpful. She has submitted the completed forms and documents. Councilman Sam Colangelo was very helpful with participation in the clean up, acting as our safety monitor, and related that our supplies are now stored for the next event. Members proposed July 14th will be our next clean up.

Councilman Colangelo thanked everyone for participating, it was a great success.

Pat reviewed the total trash that was documented on to a report card. There were 19 bags, of which 11 were recyclables. The event took place on April 28, 2018, and was approximately 2 hours in time to include one mile of clean up with 7 volunteers. Plastic bottles, straws, cup wrappers, cardboard, cigarette filters, plastic tubing, signs, metal pieces and wiring were among some of the items picked up.

Sam Colangelo announced to the TEC members that if they intend to include “recycling paperwork” with the tax bill mailing, it must be submitted soon. Cynthia Coritz stated she will retrieve a copy of the document members would like to include. She would like to add TEC meeting dates, and goals-including “Tree City, USA”, and the ‘Adopt-a-Highway’ project information.

Nicole Babcock reviewed the Stafford Forge clean up project she was promoting. She will need to approach Eagleswood and/or Little Egg Harbor for insurance coverage, not the Tuckerton Borough. This will be a project conducted with her friends, and not involve the towns.

Nicole related she would like to advocate a kayak clean up in the near future. Cynthia Coritz gave Nicole contact information for Wharton State Park.

Members discussed “Sustainable Jersey”. There will be a conference held on June 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

TEC has received an E-mail requesting to install a "CRAB" sign at popular 'crabbing' locations. The picture of the crab on the sign is the legal minimum size of a "keeper". This is part of the 'mates' program, who in partnership with Jenkins Aquarium offers the sign free of charge to townships. It is part of the Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science. Members thought this was an awesome idea.

Nicole Babcock made a motion, seconded by Pat Everson, to install these 'CRAB' signs throughout the borough. All in Favor. Aye. Motion Carried. The marina at the end of South Green Street park was suggested as an ideal location.

Nedean Maddox reminded members that they need to choose projects for Sustainable Jersey and submit them by June 3rd, in order to receive credit for this worthwhile project.

MEMBERS FORUM:

The next "Green Drinks meeting will be held at the "Mainland" in Manahawkin, on May 22nd from 530 to 730 pm.

Nicole Babcock related to members, that once the ordinance for the plastic bag ban is passed, we need to spark ideas to spread awareness. She would like to take the lead on this project, through creative displays and events.

ACTION ITEMS:

PUBLIC:

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM--Nedean Maddox and Pat Everson

Jean from the LEH Environmental Commission is present.

Jean discussed the plastic bag ban issue.

Little Egg Harbor is interested in achieving this ban on plastic bags. It is a goal they hope to accomplish. Many towns around the country are creating this ordinance. LEH is looking at other towns' research and would like to share information with TEC so we can coordinate.

Jean related LEH was looking at Stafford as a model, but encountered some stumbling blocks and research violations.

Cynthia Coritz reviewed some of our projects, including "Sustainable Jersey". Jean informed LEH has a 'Green Team', and the "Sustainable Jersey" is part.

Cynthia related that she shared our interest in the bag ban with the All Boards Meeting, and that Mayor Marshall acknowledged they are interested. We are now waiting to get ordinances from other towns to have our attorney review them.

Jean discussed their challenge with getting members to join the "Green Team". She is attempting to spread the word at programs in the community center and events at the Library.

Nicole Babcock discussed ideas for banning plastic straws. Several local restaurants are participating. She would like to have an outreach table at local events to distribute environmental news. Nedean Maddox suggested having a table with the Barnegat Bay Partnership. They may include "Master Gardeners" information data for Native plants and also a picture flyer for recycling, as suggested by the MUA.

Sam Colangelo announced two upcoming events. Household hazardous waste disposal program and Barnegat Bay Blitz scheduled for June 8th.

Close public forum

INVOICE:

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Pat Everson to pay the invoices of \$75.00 each to Susan Maguire for Secretarial Services for the months of APRIL and MAY 2018. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of members at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Nedean Maddox moved, second by Pat Everson, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Maguire, Secretary
Pride & Celebrations Committee

