

TUCKERTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

DECEMBER 14, 2017

Chairperson, Cynthia Coritz, called the regular meeting of The Tuckerton Environmental Commission to order on Thursday, DEC 14, 2017 at 6:47 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT:** “Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been complied with as notice was published to the Beacon and the Asbury Park Press, stating the time, date and place of this meeting.”

The following members of the Tuckerton Environmental Commission were in attendance:

Cynthia Coritz, Pat Everson, Robert Rue, Nedean Maddox

Cynthia Coritz led the flag salute.

**MINUTES:**

Robert Rue moved, seconded by Pat Everson, that the November 16, 2017 meeting minutes be approved. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Tuckerton Environmental Commission at 6:55 PM.

Nedean abstained as she was absent from last month’s meeting.

**IN- KIND HOURS:**

LOGGED HOURS: To be posted on the FY2017 for the month of NOVEMBER 2017 are as follows: Environmental Commission recognizes their members’ donation of time and knowledge for studies and research along with attendance of monthly meetings and available workshops /seminars.

Robert Rue	2.0	Pat Everson	4.0
Nedean Maddox	5.0	Cynthia Coritz	3.0

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### *Adopt a Highway:*

Pat Everson and Cynthia Coritz met with Mr. Ross on December 1st at the Seaport, for the training process. They brought the DVD to our meeting to view with other members, however, we did not have a computer that accommodates this technology. We will ask the Borough to borrow one for next month. Copies of the rules, regulations for clean communities task force and roadside safety guidelines along with trash policing in our communities were distributed.

Cynthia announced "Tuckerton Environmental Commission" has been approved by Council, as related by Sam Colangelo. The sign announces the Adopt A Highway sponsorship.

Cynthia informed that no less than 3 and no more than 8 participants are recommended for each of the clean ups. This is a safety measure. Mr. Ross was very informative and excited to have a new group.

### *Native plant resolution:*

Robert Rue spoke with Robert Shinn, Land Use Board Chairman, and is waiting for a reply. The next LUB meeting is next Thursday.

### *Web site update-Mission Statement:*

Members will re-visit the mission statement and update. The current one does not reflect what the current TEC goals. Members will review the mission statement, suggest edits and modify.

### *Tree City, USA:*

Robert Rue distributed copies of the application for Tree City, USA and will send information to Councilman Sam Colangelo. Contributions of time and figures have changed since it was originally filled out. The Borough has an ordinance and other requirements satisfied. A \$6,000 budget for tree maintenance and removal will constitute.

Robert will speak with Sam concerning a public works breakdown for costs. There is an Arbor Day proclamation. A Community Forestry Program will be discussed. Water, fertilization and insect control is all included. Bob reviewed the details with members. The requirements seem to be appropriate.

Nedean Maddox brought into the meeting information pamphlets from Rutgers University including an Environmental Steward Program, non point source pollution pamphlet, Galloway Clean Communities Roadside Program, recycling programs and commercial/multi-family recycling program for which grants are available. These were discussed among members.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Recycling information must be ready by June 2018 to be included in the Borough mailing. This will be included as insert to the residents water and sewer bills. Members agreed to also include the County's recycling page pamphlet.

Robert Rue discussed the plastic bag band article in the Sandpaper. Several near -by communities are pursuing this and Bob suggested members promote this band for the Borough. Members discussed taking pictures around town of the numerous loose plastic bags being spotted in several areas; across from Walmart on Route #9, and Route 72, East, near kmart to mention a few.

Robert Rue made a motion to pursue a plastic bag band, Nedean Maddox seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. Stores would not be allowed to use them. They would encourage the use paper and for customers to bring their own bags. Members will ask Councilman Colangelo to provide guidance on this matter.

### **MEMBERS FORUM:**

Councilman Colangelo replied to members in an e-mail that age is not a requirement within our current Resolution. Nicole Babcock expressed interest in joining, she is a high school student.

Councilman Colangelo replied to members in an e-mail that activities are covered by the BOrough's Insurance if it is a borough event. the clean up and adopt a highway are covered.

### **PUBLIC:**

Councilman Sam Colangelo addressed Environmental Commission members concerns through e-mail correspondence.

1. Sign for Adopt A Highway Sponsorship may read: Tuckerton Environmental Commission.
2. a clip from an email "Save Barnegat Bay" forwarded: victory for achieving passage of the nation's first law requiring state transportation agencies to use native plants with a campaign to create Jersey Natives program parallel to the state's successful Jersey Fresh program.

3. The Borough Solicitor informed Councilman Colangelo that age is not criteria for inclusion on a Borough Commission, however, if under the age of 18, a parent permission statement is needed for participation.
4. Recycling Mailing materials must be ready by the end of June 2018 to be included in the Borough mailing.
5. Volunteers regardless of age is covered by the Borough insurance if the activity is part of a Borough sponsored event.
6. Councilman Colangelo emailed 2 attachments of John Grogan's accelerated compost program located at the Public Works Yard. Members discussed this project last month.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Cynthia will ask Councilman Colangelo to advise on a plastic bag band for the Borough.  
Check on Environmental Stewardship.

Cynthia will recontact Nicole Babcock to follow up on Little Egg Harbor's Environmental Commission meeting.

**INVOICE:**

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Pat Everson, to approve the invoice of \$75 to Susan Maguire for secretarial services for the month of December 2017. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of members at 8:14 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Pat Everson moved, second by Robert Rue, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Maguire,

Secretary

Tuckerton Environmental Commission