

Tuckerton Environmental Commission

Thursday, July 11, 2019
Tuckerton Borough Complex
420 East Main Street
Tuckerton

Cynthia called the Tuckerton Environmental Commission meeting to order on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 7:05 PM in borough hall.

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

Roll Call / Attendance

Cynthia Coritz	X	Nedean Maddox	X
Robert Rue	X		
Pat Everson	X	Sam Colangelo, Liaison	X

Cynthia led the flag salute.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the January and March 2019 meeting of the Tuckerton Environmental Commission were circulated. Cynthia suggested a correction to the January minutes. Nedean made a motion to approve, with changes. Robert seconded, and Pat abstained. Motion passed. Cynthia suggested a correction to the minutes from the March meeting. Nedean made a motion to approve, with changes. Pat seconded the motion. Robert abstained. Motion passed.

Logged Hours: Landmarks Commission recognizes their member’s donation of time and knowledge for studies and research along with attendance of the monthly meetings and available workshops / seminars for the month of April through June, 2019.

Cynthia Coritz	17	Nedean Maddox	80
Robert Rue	7		
Pat Everson	15		

Sam Colangelo welcomed guest speaker John Bethanis, Superintendent of Public Works to discuss several projects his department is seeking assistance with.

The projects John brought to the Commission included:

1. Non-invasive garden and storm drain basin improvement at Borough Hall, as required by DEP
 - a. Nedean has a DEP contact who previously made recommendations regarding the best flowers and plantings to use in areas where stormwater runoff poses an issue. DEP may also have funding available for rain barrel projects.
Robert made a motion, seconded by Pat, to reach out to Nedean’s DEP contact to seek help with a non-invasive garden and storm drain basin project, to divert water from lagoons by adding plantings. Further, the Commission will seek approval from the DEP to improve the existing

discharge basin and seek their direction in making it a low-maintenance area. All ayes, motion passed. Robert will coordinate this project.

2. Downtown Improvement Project: Seeking assistance to identify appropriate streetscaping to fill empty planter boxes along Main Street with low maintenance, sustainable, local plantings such as bee balm or butterfly weed.

Robert made a motion, seconded by Pat, to explore natural plantings for the downtown streetscape to fill at least 6 currently empty cutouts with local, sustainable plantings, pending funding availability. All ayes, motion passed. Cynthia will coordinate this project.

3. Storm drain identification for public awareness, so garbage and oils aren't dumped into drains, which all lead to our waterways. Drains that lead to waterways must be painted with a symbol to alert everyone that storm drains lead to waterways.

Robert made a motion, seconded by Nedean, to undertake this project with materials supplied by and assistance of the Public Works Dept, prioritizing the drains closest to beaches. Nedean seconded the motion, which carried with all aye votes. Nedean will coordinate this project.

Old Business

Pat and Robert attended the 2019 New Jersey Clean Communities Reception & Awards Dinner on May 23, 2019 at Nassau Inn, historic Palmer Square in Princeton. Tuckerton Borough's Adopt-a-Highway program was recognized with a plaque.

Adopt-a-Highway had a new volunteer at the June 23 cleanup. His name is Bill and he lives in LEH. 7 bags were collected on this date. The next cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, August 24th (raindate: 25th).

Borough Plastic Bag Ban: no updates per Sam

New Business

Barnegat Bay Blitz Cleanup, June 7- 8, 2019: Cynthia had reached out to our Ambassador, who was unable to represent us, thus no participation this year.

All Boards Meeting 7/29: Nedean will attend to present the 3 new projects voted upon tonight, Adopt-a-Highway and the NJ Clean Communities award.

Members Forum

Nedean reported on the 2019 Sustainable NJ Conference in Holmdel, which welcomed 600 attendees to Dell Labs. A great conference with interesting presentations.

7/15 is the next Ocean County Sustainable NJ hub meeting, scheduled to be held at the Brick municipal building. Nedean learned that we can score Sustainable NJ points for posting mulch announcements, which she has completed for 5 points.

Tuesday 7/23 is Green Drinks at Mainland, 5:30pm

7/27: the library will hold a presentation on tick-born illnesses

Public Forum

None

Approval of Secretary Services

A motion to pay the Commission Secretary, Jennifer McEwan, for service in the months of April through June 2019 (no meetings held) was made by Nedeane, and seconded by Pat. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

A motion to pay the Commission Secretary, Jennifer McEwan, for service in July 2019 was made by Robert, and seconded by Nedeane. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment-

Robert motioned to adjourn, Nedeane seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer McEwan, Tuckerton Environmental Commission Secretary