

Minutes of the January 18, 2012 Environmental Committee

Attending: Norman Scheer, George Kotzas, Pat Sherwin, Margie Laratta, Tara Church, Mary Judge, Betty Wood

Absent: Marsha Cudworth

Minutes of the December 2011 meeting will be reviewed for approval at the February meeting.

Advertising: A discussion ensued concerning the advertising of the Environmental Committee's meetings in the *Asbury Park Press*. Ms. Judge will be writing a how-to of procedures for the committee, including the proper advertising of future meetings.

Tree Ordinance: Ms. Wood is to ascertain whether Ken Anderson has adapted the Tree Removal application from a similar one used by Toms River and get a copy of it for our perusal.

Green Team: Ms. Church feels confident it can achieve Bronze status this year. She has been online to begin the process. Discussion ensued that it would be beneficial to have Green Team meetings prior to and on the same night as the Environmental Committee. It was further decided Ms. Church would try combining the GT and EC on a Facebook page.

Subcommittees: Some members felt there were not enough people to divide into subcommittees, and would rather assign leadership when a new project is being considered.

Budget report: Ms. Judge has submitted our budget request, but it has not as yet been approved.

Upcoming events: Ms. Judge offered the following environmental events:

- Water Monitoring Training - April 14, 2012
- Barnegat Bay Environmental Commissions Consortium – May 2, 2012
- Barnegat Bay Blitz – May 9, 2012
- Island Beach State Park Dune Grass Planting – May 12, 2012

Boardwalk plantings: Ms. Laratta is seeking an estimate (for information purposes only) of weeding, Fall and Spring cleanups, etc. Mr. Kotzas mentioned an environmentally friendly weed killer that he is familiar with that could be used. Ms. Laratta and Ms. Sherwin will speak to Don Roberts about his plan for upkeep.

Long Point: Ms. Church submitted a brochure of available plantings from the Forest Resource Center. It was decided 100 beach plums at a cost of \$37 would be a good purchase. It was moved by Ms. Judge, seconded by Ms. Laratta to purchase these trees, and the motion was carried. Mr. Scheer to lead this project.

Future projects: A rain garden by the Post Office and the Elementary School as well as planting two trees in the median of the Post Office parking lot were discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Laratta, seconded by Ms. Judge. The motion carried.