

Minutes of the February 15, 2012 Island Heights Environmental Committee Meeting

Attending: Tara Church, Marsha Cudworth, Mary Judge, George Kotzas, Margie Laratta, Pat Sherwin, Betty Wood

Absent: Norman Scheer

Minutes of the December 2011 and January 2012 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Tree Ordinance: Report by Ms. Wood stated she saw Ken Anderson who said he would telephone her when the revised application for tree removal was ready. She will follow up and procure a copy.

Green Team: Ms. Church and son Shane have prepared a Facebook page for the EC linked to the boro website. The address is *sustainableislandheights.com*. Ms. Sherwin presented the final version of the tree ordinance information for submission to Sustainable Jersey in pursuit of the Bronze Level--Ms. Church to put the ordinance on our website. Ms. Church received information from the Superintendent of Schools regarding Animals in the Schools with the intent to develop another submission to Sustainable Jersey. Peg Bendel of the Green Team has procured a free Energy Audit of the municipal complex by Dr. Hossay and one of his students. This audit will fulfill one of the priority requirements.

Long Point: Mr. Scheer's report (given by Ms. Judge) was that the boro is still in the process of filling the area of Long Point. Discussion ensued about ordering beach plums to be planted there. In Mr. Scheer's absence, Ms. Church will proceed with the ordering of the trees at a cost of \$37 for 100 sprouts. Ms. Sherwin noted she would look into procuring cones from the Arbor Day Foundation to protect the treelings.

Community Forestry Plan: Ms. Judge reported that Mayor Biggs had contacted her stating that the boro would match the funds from the grant we received, therefore allowing the EC to accept the grant of \$3000. Any members' time (as well as that of public works and mayor and council) utilized toward the forestry plan will be documented toward the matching funds.

Riverfront Boardwalk Plantings: Ms. Sherwin and Ms. Laratta have contacted Don Roberts and report that he has plans for the maintenance of the plantings. He had contacted Ms. Church about providing volunteers from the high school for this project. Mr. Kotzas presented brochures for eco-friendly fertilizer that could be used, which will be given to Mr. Roberts. Mr. Bendel will also be contacting Mr. Roberts regarding a maintenance plan.

Bayfront Lot: Ms. Judge reported that the application to the Natural Lands Trust Fund to buy the property next to the post office was proving to be more complex than she anticipated. Mr. Kotzas presented a survey of the property. Further consideration to be postponed to a later meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Laratta, seconded by Mr. Kotzas.