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MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 6, 2019

Members	Associate Members
Suzan Colon, Chairwoman	
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Alicia Brandt *	Neal Greenspan
Ellen Senechal	
	High School Representative

- * Indicates Absent Member
** Indicates Excused Member

GUEST: Kevin Aheran – Township Resident
Sarah King – VSA Cheesequake State Park

1. OPENING OF MEETING
Suzan Colon opened the meeting at 7:40 PM.
2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2, 2019 MINUTES
Motion to approve the Minutes as presented made by Glenn D'Antuono, seconded by Dave Furey, all in favor.
3. BILLS OUTSTANDING
Motion to approve \$75.00 reimbursement to Glenn D'Antuono for ANJEC Environmental Congress-October 4, 2019 made by Ellen Senechal, seconded by Dave Furey, all in favor.
4. FRESHWATER PERMIT APPLICATIONS – no report.
5. CHEESEQUAKE STATE PARK
Sarah King reported the Deer Management Program has accounted for the harvest of four deer, one button-buck and three doe. Notice while checking stands a significant amount of healthy native plants are thriving.

Earth Care Day held October 13th brought 300 visitors to enjoy all the free activities surrounding the importance of caring for the environment. Free Kayak tours in Hooks Creek were a big hit that many took advantage of. The event ended with the release of a rehabilitated juvenile red-tailed hawk. Cheesequake Park hopes to make this an annual event and see families enjoy the park and continue to learn to care for the Earth.

An Eagle Scout Project is set to begin construction on the Nature Center Bridge.

Pavilion area by the lake is having the roof completely remodeled and is set to be finished within a few weeks.

Next event is the Hashaton scheduled for November 10th. Cheesequakes 40th year hosting a six mile race.

This year will mark the 9th Annual First Hike that is on New Years Day.

6. RECYCLING AND CLEAN COMMUNITIES – no report.

7. PLANNING BOARD UPDATE – no report.

8. ZONING BOARD UPDATE – no report.

9. TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE – information shared with OBEC members.

10. OBEC MEMBER COMMENTS

Glenn D'Antuono gave report on his participation at the ANJEC Environmental Congress. Urban Gardening – there are programs that help turning unused space and lots into a food source. The Workshop highlighted urban farms and gardens in Northern and Central New Jersey. Participants are responsible for putting in plants and maintaining their areas.

11. PLANNING AND ZONING

27-19P Ronald Gesualdo – no comments reserve the right to make future comments.

39-18Z Oak Tree Plaza at Old Bridge, LLC – no comments.

15-19Z Metro Storage – Kevin Ahern resident of Fernwood Place attended the OBEC Meeting to voice his concerns on the environmental aspects on the area. The Wetland Waiver has not been approved nor has the applicant re-applied for the Waiver. With the elimination of fifteen large trees and evergreen shrubs this will cause runoff onto homeowners property.

The OBEC will comment to the Zoning Board that after reviewing the application the OBEC believes the runoff from proposed building and impervious areas need to be self Contained and not over whelming the current wetland conditions.

In addition the OBEC recommends that Arborist Gary Lovella review these plans concerning the trees.

12. TERMS EXPIRING

Advised Dave Furey, Suzan Colon, Ellen Senechal and Alicia Brandt (via email) to submit letter to Mayor Henry and Stella Ward requesting re-appointment to the OBEC.

8:40PM – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ellen Senechal, seconded by Neal Greenspan, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

DeDe Goldstein
Secretary