

CHATHAM BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
September 11, 2013 8:00 p.m.

Chairman John Tancredi called this meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., in Room 212, middle level, Chatham Municipal Building. Mr. Tancredi announced that all legal notices have been posted for this meeting.

Names	Present	Absent
John Tancredi	X	
John Bitar		X
Cynthia Steffens		X
Dick Plambeck	X	
Ruth Dekker	X	
Joan Thuebel	X	
Ed DiFiglia	X	
Carl Cappabianca	X	
Kate Murphy	X	
Liz Holler, Rec. Secretary	X	

Review/Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of August 14, 2013 were approved as amended.

Correspondence/Articles

- Minutes from the Long Hill Township Environmental Commission
- An application from Norwex Environmental Products to participate in the Green Fair

Liaison Reports

Planning Board

Mr. Bitar was not present to give the report.

Borough Council

Mr. Plambeck reported the Council has authorized the auctioning off of a Borough-owned property at 83 Chatham Street. The Council also approved a resolution on the Chatham Borough Community Garden. Site work can now begin at Woodland Park.

Open Space & Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Mr. DiFiglia reported the next meeting will be held in early October. The Committee will be re-working the tree ordinance to eventually be presented to the Borough Council.

CBGIC

Mr. Tancredi noted that Mrs. Steffens is unable to attend tonight's meeting, but will be helping at the Green Fair.

Pending Business

Mr. Tancredi reported that Brian Goldstein is working hard on his two deer exclosures in Milton Ave. woods. Three benches and an information kiosk have been constructed.

Green Fair – September 21, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mrs. Dekker distributed brochures advertising the Green Fair. She noted that there will be more vendors for children this year. Hopefully a Facebook page will be created for the Fair. There is still room for more vendors.

Mr. Tancredi passed around a sign-up chart for Commissioners to volunteer time at the Commission's booth. Mr. Tancredi pointed out that there are still openings for vendors at the Fair, if the Commissioners knew of anyone who would be interested. Mr. Tancredi, Mr. Bitar, and Billy Conlan will arrive early to greet the vendors and help them find their assigned spaces. They will also hang 4 banners. Mr. Tancredi reviewed the signs being installed around town to advertise the Fair. Mrs. Dekker reported that Corky Ziegler, a photographer, will cover the Fair.

New Business

Mr. Plambeck reported that the first meeting of the Chatham Spring Clean 2014 Committee was held. The Committee will be focusing on the Rotary Club pocket park on Main Street. The White Lights Program will be returning. Hopefully people will contribute to this holiday project. The next Committee meeting will be held September 16th.

Mr. Plambeck noted that Billy Conlan has been working hard on the vegetation and wildlife lists for the environmental inventory. Mr. Plambeck and Tony Britt have been canvassing local businesses for the Explore Chatham photography contest.

Mr. DiFiglia reported that he attended the Sustainable Jersey School Kick-Off meeting. There was a large turn-out for this first meeting. This group is still in the early planning stages. A point system for accreditation will be decided on. Taking "green" measures, healthy eating options, more physical activity, and the air quality in the schools will be looked at. Volunteers are still needed for this group.

At 9:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 8 p.m., Room 212, Chatham Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Holler

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Recording Secretary

cc: Mayor Bruce Harris

