



Little Egg Harbor Township Environmental Commission

April 25, 2024 Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Open Public Meeting Statement
4. In attendance: Christine Moran, Cynthia Varamo, Joe Rullo, Kathy Tucker, Gabriel Franco, Arlene Keenan, Chuck Griffin, and Carol Evans
5. Approval of the minutes for March 28, 2024
6. Welcome Liam Tucker who accompanied his mother on Take Your Child to Work Day.
7. April 20th Clean-up and Green Fair
 - a. Both were a huge success. There were about 120 people for the clean-up and about 200 people attended the Green Fair.
 - b. 23 of the 28 scheduled vendors attended the event. Vendors should be relevant to Green Fair's theme.
 - c. April 19 2025 is the date for next year's event.
 - d. 300 reusable bags were donated to Community Food Bank of NJ where they will be sanitized and given out to Food Banks to use.
 - e. The music was a nice addition but too loud for being indoors.
 - f. All 100 trees were given away, we may order more for next year.
 - g. The clean-up went well. The only issue was having better control of giving lunch to volunteers not people at the green fair. We may use wristbands instead of tickets and then cut off the wristband when they get their lunch.
 - h. We still have shirts left.
8. Poster Contest-Terrapin Awareness
 - a. 2nd grade and maybe preschool class
 - b. Ben Wurst is making a presentation to the students on April 26th
 - c. They will make the posters in class and have them to us by May 15th. We will judge the winners, to be announced at the May meeting.
 - d. Winners will get ribbons.
 - e. C. Varamo asked if the Sign Department can make the winning posters into real signs to be put around town.
9. Letters of Concern
 - a. G. Franco reviewed the letters and presented a legal perspective. Basically, if the property is developed within the town's code, there is nothing to stop it.



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- b. It was noted that there is no ordinance in town relating to impervious surfaces. It was discussed that we have the authority to recommend to the council that they develop an ordinance for new construction and renovations. It was decided after much discussion that each member should do some research and collect information to further discuss this topic at next month's meeting.
10. Sustainable Jersey Criteria
 - a. In February 2025 we will start the resubmission process
11. Environmental Commission Member Comment
 - a. G. Franco asked to advertise for the Environmental Hero
 - b. A. Keenan reminded us to look for property to buy for Open spaces to purchase. Also, there appears to be lots of garbage on Osborne Island.
 - c. C. Varamo asked for the name and contact information of the person who does the community garden.
 - d. J. Rullo shared that the liquor store that was Mystic Casino is expanding in the back for a bar.
12. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM



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Meeting call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Public Meeting Statement

Roll Call

Members:	Kathy Tucker	_____	Chuck Griffin	_____
	Arlene Keenan	_____	Joe Rullo	_____
	Roberta Rapisardi	_____	Carol Evans	_____
	Colleen Forest	_____		

Alternates:	Gabriel Franco	_____	Christine Moran	_____
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Green Team:	Cynthia Varamo	_____
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Approval of the Minutes for January 2024 meeting

Review of Sustainable Jersey Criteria



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April 20 Cleanup/Green Fair

Tree Workshop

Update Stormwater Management Plan

Information about Wetlands Letter of Interpretation discussed at January meeting

Table at Robert C Wood Early Childhood Education Center Community Resource Fair on April 27

Poster contest 3rd grade

Great Bay Blvd Cleanup April 21 with Save Barnegat Bay

Public Comment

Environmental Commission Member Comment

Adjourn