

**Seaside Park Environmental Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting February 10, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Denise Koury at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers, 6th & Central Aves.

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call by Ann Hayes - In Attendance:
Ann Hayes
Edith Klink
Denise Koury
Margaret Husar
Lynda Roberts
Sherry Villano

Maureen O'Haire - excused
Greg Penn - excused
Mike Tierney - excused

4. Review and Approval of the Minutes 1/13/16 Meeting, MM by Edith Klink, 2nd by Maggie Husar

Committee Reports:

Council Update Councilman Tierney: Not present

Correspondence from Karen Barna

Open public meetings notices for 2016 have been advertised by Karen Barna.

Invoice for payment of \$88.28 paid to Sue Masoorli for program supplies for Island Beach State Park Stargazing event.

Clean Ocean Action newsletter received by town, Denise to share with committee via email.

Discussion of Speaker Series for 2016

Denise recapped problems with events in 2015: low attendance for some events, lack of follow through by some speakers. Best attendance was at the programs for lighting, plastic ocean pollution, Sandy events, star gazing and the Rt. 35 plans.

Linda Roberts suggested we could ask the attendees at the next Neighborhood Watch meeting for suggestions of programs. She will ask at the next meeting.

Ann Hayes commented that it is also the role of the group to bring to the town's attention important info or issues they may not be aware of.

Denise Koury suggested that every month may be too many programs. Maggie will also reach out to friends of IBSP to partner with possible tour, walk, bird sighting programs to make residents aware of the resources there.

Ann Hayes will contact to contact Sue Mazoorli and ask for Astronomy contact to get best dates for viewing nights.

Sherry Villano asked if water bills can have printed message to “check web site for upcoming recreation and Environmental Committee events”

Tentative Program:

May 11th or June 8th: Beach opening and possibly combine with upcoming summer activities from recreation.

Topics: Eric DPW beach maintenance / Marina / Captain of lifeguards / IBSP representative.

Fall possible program tbd

Butterfly Garden

Evaluation of plants after the winter needs to be done and a plan made for its clean up and replenishment for May 2nd re-opening.

Maggie - Possible May distribution of additional butterfly hatching kits to students which will be released on Blue Water Week/ Fish Hat Parade event day. Partnering with the Beautification Committee will need to be arranged and they may purchase the kits. Representatives should be invited to the March EC meeting to discuss.

Edith Klink will research cost of kits.

Plant Markers will be in place by event day.

Denise Koury suggested making handouts to identify the plants and list resources about the Monarchs and native plants. Ann Hayes agreed to prepare the handout for printing by the Boro.

Denise to contact Greg regarding status of the Informational sign draft. Covered sign to include the name of the garden and posters. Potentially prepare for May 2nd. To be positioned at walkway east of Gazebo.

Digital Sign

Committee will wait until confirmation is received from the Council that the sign decision will be put up for a vote. At that time, all presentation and vendor info will be updated and submitted to council.

Saturday trash pick-up for summer

Update from Sherry Villano - plan is pending confirmation that Seaside Heights has holding station status.

New Business:

Bay Front

Ann Hayes gave a recap of a program sponsored by the Native Plant Society on Living Shore Wetlands Restoration. William Young (www.youngenvironmentallc.com) showed slides of existing "Living Reef" attenuation structures created to reduce wave impact on the shore. The calmer water allows for sediment to settle and rebuild the beach.

Sherry Villano reported Bob Martucci was attending a meeting regarding plans and funding for a wave reduction "Living Reef" to extend 800' south of the Marina. EC to request a copy of the plans for the March meeting.

Dunes

Channel 12 program "Shifting Sands" showed discarded Christmas trees being used in Berkley to rebuild dune system. Club to contact group in fall for possible donations or volunteer opportunities.

Boro Hall Garden

Ann Hayes asked if there were plans to refurbish plants in front of Boro Hall after restoration is complete. Ann suggested any landscaping there make use of native plants as it is a public space that was previously designated as an educational project for which the town accepted grant funding. The building is to be designated a "Historic Site" and may have limited choices for landscaping. The Sand Dollar Garden Club has planned to design the landscaping.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting: March 9th, 2016, 7:30 pm