

Seaside Park Environmental Committee

Minutes of September 13, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Edie Klink at 7 pm in Council Chambers, 6th & Central Aves.

1. Call to Order 7:00 pm

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call – Maureen O’Haire

Ann Hayes (excused)

Edie Klink

Denise Koury

Jane Mason

Maureen O’Haire

Greg Penn

Lynda Roberts

Sherry Villano

Ray Amabile

4. Minutes of the July 12 meeting* were reviewed.

Changes: #7 Jane contacted Rebecca, an employee from Island Beach State Park

#8 Denise was in touch with the American Littoral Society

Motion to amend DK; second SV.

*We did not hold a meeting in August 2017.

Business:

5. Stargazing

The September 9th Stargazing event was a success.

There were approximately 150 people in attendance.

The IBSP staff were in attendance and supportive.

John Endreson of ASTRA did a marvelous job. There were four telescopes and the night sky was extremely cooperative, especially Saturn. Having the event in September was a plus because there were no bugs and it was dark earlier. Attendees were all pleased and there were many positive remarks on Facebook!

Idea: Email participants thanking them for their attendance.

Future: See if we can get more telescopes and therefore increase number of tickets to 200.

Sherry has a telescope that might be an addition for the night.

Costs: \$60 Special Permit; \$250 Parking; \$93.39 Print Tickets Total: \$403.39

6. Butterfly Garden October cleanup

Date for cleanup is TBD. Ann will contact committee members.

Remove perimeter annuals and spent interior annuals.

Leave flower seed heads on perennials

Seed collection for cone flowers, zinnia, cosmos

Divide and relocate any oversized plants

Remove and store Plant Markers

After cleanup, we should discuss if mums could be planted.

The Monarch Watch Organization sent the Environmental and Beautification Committees an Appreciation Certificate for our Butterfly Garden. Ray will announce this award at Council Meeting. Sherry will make copies for committee members.

7. Fall Speaker

Helen Henderson from the American Littoral Society is available for an informal discussion on Climate Change. Denise will follow up with dates since Ms. Henderson is not available on Wednesdays. To increase the number of attendees, Denise and Greg will reach out to other local Environmental Committees.

8. Bottle Filling Station

Ann will give a report at the October meeting.

New Business:

1. November League of Municipalities Conference, Atlantic City, November 14 – 16.

Committee members are welcome to attend; lunch and a sustainability presentation.

EC funds will cover costs. Let Ann know if anyone is interested ASAP.

2. Vacant EC Positions –

Denise and Maureen will not be returning in January.

Sherry will let Ann know. All committee members were asked to spread the word to fill the vacancies.

Interested parties should contact Karen Barna for required paperwork.

3. Rain barrel Ray and his wife have a rain barrel to donate to the town. The committee needs to find a suitable place in town. Thank you!

4. Boro Hall Property. It was brought up that the area around Boro Hall is in sad shape and needs major work. Both Beautification and this committee agree it is a huge project and too much for these groups. The members think that DPW should take responsibility.

5. Center of Central Ave (Route 35)

A discussion was held on the condition of the center median of Central Ave. It was not consistently watered or weeded during the summer months. Ray will ask Council how much longer the State is responsible for the median. After that, what are the Council's plans for the median. Is a watering system feasible? New plantings? Native plants.

6. Osprey Jane reported that Dom of "Shore and More" would be interested in paying for an osprey nest. There are 2 ospreys in the area. Jane will get information from IBSP and report in October.

Adjourn 8:00 pm Motion to adjourn LR; second SV.

Next meeting: October 11th 7pm Council Chambers