Environmental Commission Meeting of 4/10/19 Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 7:06 P.M.

Chairwoman Osborne read Opening Statement into record.

Members Present: Osborne, Huszar, Dorato, Poland, Garrick.

Members Excused: Senders, Blustein.

Alternates Present: Barron, Dias.

Minutes of Meeting of March 19, 2019 were amended and approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Ann G. Ritchie: Contract for Eagle Oaks dropped off to Township for approval. On-going discussion of potential nominee for award.
- Plastic Pollution: Osborne, Huszar, Garrick, and Pat Fuschetto (former member) had a teleconference to discuss drafting an ordinance to ban plastic bag and straw use in the Township. Additionally, discussed updating the current ordinance that bans the use of styrofoam, which will include actual enforcement. The members will have another teleconference in April 2019.
- Natural Resources Working Group: Had a teleconference in March and gave update of all environmentally-related groups in the Township. Next teleconference scheduled for April 24, 2019.

Old Business:

- 8th Grade Science Class from Middle School South – 1 of the teams that made it to the finals received honorable mention. Approval from Township was granted to show students presentations on Channel 77.
- Site Visit to Proposed Location of Monmouth Commerce Center: Osborne and Garrick visited the site on Saturday, March 23 and were accompanied by applicant’s select professionals and attorney. Reportedly, approximately 15 acres of land that is located adjacent to the proposed location...
project site is owned by Monmouth County. Additionally, neighboring properties have reportedly heard and witnessed possible tree frogs that may be an endangered species and have the potential to be located on the site. EC members discussed doing studies on the adjacent Monmouth County property to determine if there may be the presence of this species. Traffic concerns were once again raised due to the current infrastructure in place and the amount of truck traffic that will be generated. Potential flooding issues of neighboring properties a concern. Phase II of soils – will need to follow up to determine if this has yet been conducted.

- ANJEC Grant Resolution Approval: Council passed.
- Brick MUA Water Use Application: Brick Township was approved.
- McKenzie House Museum: Committee forming to try and preserve the McKenzie House. Committee will be working with Monmouth County.
- Waste Transfer Station: Nothing new to report.
- Land Purchased Adjacent to Deerwood Park: Moving forward, yet still in negotiation process.
- Request for Identification of Properties to Preserve: EC will work on finding and preparing a list of potential properties to preserve and/or utilize for environmental projects.

New Business:

- Master Plan Element: There is a Master Plan Sub-Committee meeting on April 25, 2019, where CME will give a presentation about the recent re-examination of the Master Plan. Hoping to have a topic in which to move forward with updating by this meeting – NH will follow up.
- Atlantic Builder’s Conference – Seminar Information: Osborne attended Convention in Atlantic City. Discussed Affordable Housing Seminar – take away: not sustainable to subsidize affordable housing at greater than 20 percent set aside; Question on whether Howell can continue to count development with restrictions expiring – units may come off books because only need to keep at reduced costs for 30 years. Osborne also passed out documentation on Green Infrastructure.

Adjourned for Plat Review at 8:39PM.

Back on Record at 9:13PM.

Read Various Reviews/Comments into Record.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:21PM.