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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Monmouth County Environmental Council

Thursday, September 2, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

Monmouth County Planning Board Conference Room
Hall of Records Annex, 2nd Floor, One East Main Street
Freehold, New Jersey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fedosh called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

Members present: Baker, DiLorenzo, Fedosh, Morrissey, Oliver, Thompson

Members absent: Lucas, Means, Reynolds

Staff present: Waters

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: August 5, 2010

Minutes from the August 5, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Morrissey motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. DiLorenzo seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

4. REGULAR REPORTS

Chairman – None

Planning Board/Staff – Ms. Waters noted items from the August Planning Board agenda including a presentation of the planning merit awards to be presented at the upcoming Planning Board dinner and a presentation of the Urban Coast Institute's Coastal Watershed Conservation and Restoration Initiative. She also made note of the recent public meeting for the Wastewater Management Plan. Ms. Waters reported that a new AmeriCorps person would be starting their year with the Planning Board in September.

GHGRAC – Ms. Waters noted the meetings of the GHGRAC are currently on hold until more work on the draft Energy Action Plan is complete.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Brookdale rain garden project – Mr. Fedosh discussed the recent meeting of the stakeholder group and status of the project. His concerns were the lack of involvement by some of the key representatives and the need for data to be obtained from them in order for the project to proceed. Ms. DiLorenzo offered to involve her Brookdale students in the project if needed. Mr. Thompson offered to provide a plant list to local landscape businesses to determine the potential for in-kind contributions.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fall meetings – Ms. Morrissey suggested inviting speakers to future meetings to discuss topics of interest to the group. Ms. DiLorenzo suggested topics related to wetlands mitigation banking and the clean marina program.
- B. Project ideas – Mr. Fedosh discussed potential community garden related projects that the Council members might undertake. Some of the concerns expressed were related to maintenance and upkeep. Mr. Thompson suggested holding council meetings at different county park locations and conducting a “park walk” inventory to determine needs that may exist.

7. REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS

- North Coast: Ms. DiLorenzo discussed the beach replenishment projects in Monmouth Beach, Sea Bright and other coastal towns that will be funded by the State and will involve assistance from Stevens Institute of Technology for the development of new beach replenishment technologies.
- South Coast: Ms. Morrissey noted the Kids Day America event that will be held on September 25th. She also mentioned a co-generation project recently constructed at the South Monmouth Regional Sewage Authority. She also discussed The Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee’s annual environmental summit to be held on September 27th.
- Bayshore: Mr. Fedosh noted Middletown’s completion of the requirements for Sustainable Jersey’s bronze level status.
- Pan-handle: Ms. Baker stated that she will be coordinating with the environmental commissions in the region.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public in attendance

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.