

**POMPTON LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

**Statement of Open Public Meetings Law (to be read every meeting)**

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: “In conformance with the Open Public Meetings Law, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, adequate notice of this Meeting setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this regular Meeting through notice posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, mailed to all who had requested and paid for same, and published in the Suburban Trends.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.**

**Roll Call of Committee Members:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Mayor, Mike Serra	<b>X</b>	
Council Liaison, Maria Kent	<b>X</b>	
Chairman, Stephen Baig	<b>X</b>	
Chris Sudol	<b>X (via phone)</b>	
Julie Doncoes	<b>X</b>	
Jennifer Volpe	<b>X</b>	
Michael Meeker	<b>X</b>	

Adoption of January 13, 2022 Minutes:

Motion: Mike Meeker

Second: Chris Sudol

**2022 Appointments**

Mayor Serra swore in Mike Meeker and Jennifer Volpe

**Old Business:**

1. Groundwater Guardian Application with the MUA – Check Covid status– Steve to look for speaker
2. Keep Our Downtown Clean– Mayor has the 3-D recycling board
3. Progress on Recycled Content Bill– expected to be signed – Maria to follow up
4. Compost Project– Chris Sudol advised the committee that in person meetings are difficult to secure. He discussed the options of partnering with the county or to keep the project in town, we have more control. Mayor discussed training someone in town and then educate residents on a wide scale – i.e. Pompton Day.

5. River Clean Up – Clean up date – May 1, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
accept date:  
Motion: Steve Baig  
Second: Mike Meeker
  - a) Steve to email Mike Carelli to save the date and to put on Borough Website.  
Discussed that rain date to be established on site.
  - b) Mayor discussed having new pictures of cleanup to add to the Borough calendar.
  - c) List of people to contact for volunteers/sponsors/donations: Contact for volunteers: Wendy's, Highschool environmental, girlscouts/boyscouts, fire department, Zonta club, St. Mary's, etc. Contact for donations/sponsors: BID, Chamber of Commerce, Wendy's
  - d) Discussed keeping the date out so we can order several t-shirts to reuse annually.
  - e) Discussed May 7, 2023 for next year's River Cleanup Date. Need to submit to Liz Brandness by the end of March so we can put the date on the 2023 Borough Calendar.
6. Open Space Updates from Julie Doncoes:
  - a) Discussed improvements to: Pacifico-Gallo Park, Hershfield Park – Phase 1;
  - b) Mari Kent advised of Public Hearing on February 23, 2022 – bathrooms at Hershfield Park, upgrade equipment at Pacifico-Gallo Park, Open Space funds earmarked for Willow Field project
  - c) Julie Doncoes commented about pulling 94 trees and replacing with 112 trees and concerns of deer

**New Business:**

1. Vote to Change EPC Meeting Time for next calendar year at 6:45 p.m.:  
Motion: Mike Meeker  
Second: Julie Doncoes  
Steve/Mayor to advise Liz of new time for 2023 calendar
2. Open Discussion for any new business:
3. Meeting Open to Public Comment: no public comments; Motion to close Public Comment Session:  
Motion: Steve Baig  
Second: Chris Sudol

**Meeting Adjourned:** Time: 7:33 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by: Bernadette Chillemi, PLEPC Secretary