

MEETING MINUTES FOR April 14, 2022
Pompton Lakes Environmental Protection Committee

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.

Called to order – 5:58 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

| Member | Present | Excused |
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| Council Liaison, Maria Kent | X | |
| Chairman, Stephen Baig | X | |
| Chris Sudol | X | |
| | (appeared by phone) | |
| Julie Doncoes | X | |
| Jennifer Volpe | | X |
| Michael Meeker | X | |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. March 10, 2022

Motion: Steve Baig
Second: Mike Meeker

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Groundwater Guardian Application with the MUA – Check CoVid status – Lloyd Kent will check in with the MUA – no update as of yet. Action items – things to do in the community, tours, flyers and protect ground water. Maria Kent suggested the EPC plan a visit to tour the plant.

Motion to tour the MUA as an EPC field trip:
Motion: Julie Doncoes

Second – Chris Sodol
All in favor

2. Clean Compost Project – Chris Sodol advised that the County decided against the Borough hosting a pick up. The committee discussed a plan to develop a relationship with County so that the County understands that the Borough is not in competition with the project. At this time, pickups are only in Ringwood and Totowa. To host a pickup through the Borough, a minimal pickup of fifty (50) pickups is required and is not feasible for the Borough at this time. Maria Kent suggested we invite County to one of our meetings.

3. River Clean Up – Final preparations were discussed regarding registration, shirts, prizes, snacks, food and water.

4. Keep Our Downtown Clean – table until next meeting

5. Open Space Updates from Michael Meeker, liaison – Michael Meeker provided information regarding the Morris County Greenway Grant and provided updates on status of Pacifico-Gallow Park, Willow Park project, and Hershfield Park projects. Maria Kent and Mayor Mike Serra met with Mikie Sherill regarding federal funds for Hershfield Park in addition to using Open Space funds.

6. Solitude Report – Jennifer Volpe – nothing to report yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Plastic Bag Ban Law – Michael Meeker advised that the ban will take effect on May 4th. Paper bags are banned in larger stores.

2. Youth Fishing Derby Event – Will discuss next year; river is too high.

3. ANJEC Grant- \$1,500 Grant that can be used for trail maintenance, signage, trail maintenance and equipment. If interested, the deadline is May 2nd. Maria Kent advised that Tilcon will be gone soon and there is Pomptonite Stone that is only mined from the local quarry. Mayor Mike Serra, Council President, Jennifer Polidori, Councilwoman, Maria Kent and Chairman, Steve Baig will assist in obtaining the stones and determining the location. Lakeside Park, Joe Grill and/or Willow Field

are some of the suggested locations. Maria would like to use Grant to apply for a plaque to talk about Pomptonite history and environment.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Motion to open the session for public session:

Motion: Steven Baig

Second: Michael Meeker

COMMENTS – N/A

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Steven Baig

Second: Michael Meeker

All in favor

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

Prepared and submitted by:

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