

**MEETING MINUTES FOR May 12, 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 – 6:59 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Council Liaison, Maria Kent	X	
Chairman, Stephen Baig	X	
Chris Sudol	X	
Julie Doncoes	X	
Jennifer Volpe		X
Michael Meeker	X	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. April 14, 2022  
Motion – Chris Sudol  
Second – Michael Meeker

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Groundwater Guardian Application with the MUA –Lloyd and Steve will meet to complete applications. Public outreach applies to CRS credits in order to get a better deal on flood insurance costs. Annual River Clean-up is a big part of the community outreach. A tour of the MUA was also discussed and Steve Baig will circulate dates to the committee. If a date is set, the committee will vote to approve the date at the next meeting.

Steven Baig advised that the new time of the EPC meetings will begin in July 2022. Future meetings will start at 6:45 p.m.

2. ANJEC Grant: Steven Baig initiated the process and is waiting itemized breakdown of the cost of setting the Tilcon Pomptonite Stone (the “Stone”)

from the Borough Administrator. The Stone is to be set at Lakeside Park and Tilcon will deliver the Stone for free. Maria Kent will check with Tilcon to determine if Tilcon can polish the Stone in order to bring out more of the natural hues/tones.

3. River Clean Up – There was tremendous community support and turnout for the event with over 100 people in attendance. Steven Baig and Maria Kent delivered Certificates of Appreciation to the Ice Cream Station, Franks Pizza, MUA, DPW, Julie Doncoes’ house, Al Evangelista, Gene Hoffman on behalf of Columbia Bank, and Kevin Boyle on behalf of the office support staff, the Venin family, Steve Columbo, BID, PLRSA, and PLRYO. Steve and Maria spoke at the Board of Education meeting and the Women’s Club meeting and sent a mass email to thank all participants.

4. Keep Our Downtown Clean Initiative – Maria Kent advised that the Keep the Downtown Clean Initiative will be discussed at the next BID meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 4pm and everyone is welcome to attend. A litter program will be discussed. The committee conversed about “adopting a block” – choosing a certain section of town to pick up litter and the possibility of hosting a “selfie program” for a contest of cleaning up the town streets, not only the downtown. It is the hopes to get more of the school kids involved by hosting a contest. Maria will bring the ideas to the BID meeting.

5. Open Space Update – Michael Meeker, Liaison to Open Space:

- Pacifico-Gallo Park – Discussed resurfacing material and what surface to use. Rubber surfacing will be used in limited use under the swings;
- Morris Canal Grant Money – Open Space Committee connected with an artist to make a sculpture.
- Willowfield Project – Open Space Committee received a letter from the engineer regarding the riparian zone and ongoing issues.
- Jared Luciani spoke about items in need of repair at Carlough Field.

6. Solitude Report – Jennifer Volpe was excused from meeting. N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

N/A

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Motion to open the session for public session:

Motion: Steven Baig

Second: Julie Doncoes

## **COMMENTS:**

- Chris Sodol asked if we have a Sustainable NJ plaque? Yes, the plaque is hanging in the hall.
- Maria Kent announced that our town is very proactive. She explained how Al Evangelista cleaned up the area of Twin Lake at the entrance by Ringwood Ave.
- A motion was raised to have Mike Sciacchetano reinstated as a member of the committee:
  - Motion – Steven Baig
  - Second – Chris Sudol
  - All in Favor - yes

Motion to close the meeting for public session:

Motion: Michael Meeker

Second: Julie Doncoes

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Steven Baig

Second: Michael Meeker

**Meeting Adjourned:** Time: 8:08 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by:

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