

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2022**

Chairperson L.Jenssen called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm by reading the Sunshine Act statement.

Roll Call:

Present - L. Jenssen (Chair), J. Collins (Council Liaison), N. Ferdinand, R.Geist, J. Kinney, B. Pickens, K.Pickens, B.Thomas (Secretary) **Absent**, D. Blair, J. Gross

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by J.Kinney, seconded by B.Pickens, all in favor to approve meeting minutes of January 11, 2022. Motion was made by J.Kinney, seconded by B.Pickens, all in favor to approve meeting minutes of February 8, 2022.

New Business:

J.Kinney reported on the River Friendly Resident program, which is a survey, if you receive enough points you receive a sign to put on your property. B.Pickens is a recipient of this program. Residents were offered this opportunity at the EC table at the Street Fair 2021. This will be posted on EC facebook page, will reach out to K.Smith and the school to promote in the future.

J.Kinney to draft a letter from EC to Council expressing concerns and recommendations of salting the bridge sidewalk. Will share draft with EC.

ANJEC is offering a grant for \$1500, 80 hours need to be tracked, due May 2nd. – L.Jenssen and R.Geist to work on applying for this. Plan to use towards the tree planting project, specifically to purchase tree wrappers, or the meadow project. Will need a letter from Council

Old Business:

Green Team – have a separate meeting, discuss our goals and how do they match up with sustainable incentives. Work towards being certified next year, if we think this is something that is beneficial for us. Lori will send info on certification webinar. Reach out to NJ Sustainable see if they can help us come up with a plan.

Community Tree Recovery – J.Kinney with a small team will direct proper planting of trees. Shovels will be needed. L.Jenssen scheduled to pick up seedlings. Resident sign-in sheet needs to be available. Final plans will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Stream cleanup April 23rd – B.Pickens & R.Geist – awaiting email with instructions.

Open Space discussions with Planning Board Members – B. Pickens is on standby for this meeting.

Reusable bags – design, cost, sponsorship and purchasing a small inventory are being worked on; plan to have this done in the next couple weeks to be ready for bag ban deadline of May 4th - K.Pickens, J.Collins

Rain Gardens – L.Jenssen to organize a program in early June for residents. Will setup preregistration, based on capacity of Borough Hall. Promote on EC Facebook page.

With no further business to attend the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara M. Thomas