

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2022**

Chairperson L.Jenssen called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm by reading the Sunshine Act statement.

Roll Call:

Present - L. Jenssen (Chair), D.Blair, R.Geist, J.Gross (8:28 pm), J.Kinney, B.Thomas, Secretary

Absent: J. Collins (Council Liaison), N. Ferdinand, B.Pickens, K.Pickens

Approval of Minutes: At this point in the meeting there was not a quorum so approval of minutes did not happen.

Correspondence:

Email from ANJEC announcing Virtual Earth Day Fair Friday, April 22, 2022.

Email from ANJEC announcing its donation drive.

New Business:

Salem Oak Seedling will be picked up on April 28th, by L.Jenssen. Parks and Recreation will be consulted as to where would be a visible location for this seedling. It will need to be protected, nurtured and watered.

Discussed informative field trip to Cold Springs Dam in the future.

Old Business:

L.Jenssen still working on ANJEC grant due May 2nd.

Road salt impacts – this will be shelved until September now that winter is over.

Green Team – look to meet in May with anyone interested and review EC’s project list.

Community Tree Recovery –L.Jenssen scheduled to pick up 200 seedlings, bundles of 5 will be given out to Califon residents. Paperwork to be emailed to J.Kinney, L.Jenssen and E.Haversang(sign in sheet, interview, etc). Environmental Commission will plant 25 trees on Saturday, April 23rd. The trees will be planted near the river, and northeast end of park, they will be planted 10’ apart. J.Kinney will get protector tubes and humus soil. Once the trees are planted – watering these trees will be essential – EC to volunteer to do this.

Stream cleanup April 23rd – L.Jenssen & R.Geist – awaiting email with instructions. R.Geist will pickup the supplies. Advertise via sandwich board outside municipal office, flyer at Post Office and Community Board.

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

Reusable bags – purchase 300 bags with grant money and give one free bag out per Califon household. Bags will be picked up at the Municipal Building when we get them.

Rain Gardens – Workshop/presentation will be held by Amy Rowe, Rutgers Cooperative Extension on June 14th at 7:00 PM at the Califon Municipal building. Workshop will be held same night as EC’s monthly meeting. L.Jenssen will setup preregistration (evite), based on capacity of Borough Hall. J.Gross to design a flyer. We will promote on EC Facebook page and Califon website.

Discussion about getting information out to residents – use sign board outside of Shannon’s, Post Office, Sandwich board outside of Califon Municipal Building, possibly create a more concise “crier” via email.

Earth Day we will promote our Stream Clean Up and Free Trees on social media.

With no further business to attend the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara M. Thomas