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LBEC Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday May 15th, 2023

COMMISSIONERS Attending:

Roll Call: Chair: Catherine Duckett Richie Lee Anita Voogt excused
Faith Teitelbaum , Rich Catanese W. Christopher Boglioli, Manjula
Chidambaram Avry Griffin Alternate, Green
Public: Nan Simon Marie Peterson Rice

Meeting called to order 6:35

Faith Teitelbaum agreed to take minutes

Unanimous Approval of the April 2023 Meeting Minutes

LBEC Liaisons Report - no report

LBEC Planning Board Committee Report - Atlantic Club changed their plans to meet CAFRA permit requirements.

Current Business:

- o Report Arbor Day event at Arts and Cultural Center
 - Went well. Need to ask for less trees next year.
- o Faith will help Catherine **formalize NJ DEP report**
- o Tree Inventory grant report - grant approved by Council resolution on May 13 moving forward - will look at City EJ mapping
- o Wellness and Technology Center : Ask the City to confirm in writing that they will implement the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Division plans for a rain garden at the Wellness and Technology Center. Nan said she will talk to Michal and Charley Shirley about what we need to go forward with the project.
- o Composting - coffee grinds and leaves will be done on a 50x50 plot after approval by DEP

Priorities for next year:

- Composting
- Trees
 - Catherine will ask the Mayor for a Tree budget for the town. Manju said that we can count the current cost for tree trimming towards the \$2.00 per person required to be a Tree City USA.

- Storm Water Management
 - Watershed improvement plan required by MS4 permit- we will partner with the City to help develop the plan
 - Green infrastructure Demonstration projects - rain gardens, tree plantings . Ask the City to confirm in writing that they will implement the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program design plans for rain gardens in town.

New Business:

- Doug Tallamy will be speaking on Native Plantings in Suburbia to combat climate change and support the environment, Jan 23rd. Would the EC like to Co-sponsor? Decide by August.

- Discussion about the Structure of the EC and Green team. Nan will look into how other towns combined. Nan will apply to be an EC member. Catherine said she would help the new person for three months.

- Wellness and Technology Center Rain Garden: Ask the City to confirm in writing that they will implement the Rutgers Water Resources Program plans for a rain garden at the Wellness and Technology Center.

- We will get 2/3 of our budget by June. Need to decide spending for the year at the next meeting. Come with suggestions.

Public Comment

Nan asked about the EC shopping bags. They will be given out at the Farmer's Market. (Catherine has 200 which she agreed to pass on to Nan for the Farmer's market).

Marie mentioned that she learned a lot at the meeting and would like to help with tree location identification.

Evan mentioned that the DEP dashboard has many grants for water issues that we might be able to pursue. He will look into some.

Motion to Close:

- 8:35 pm Motion to accept: Rich__ 2nd the motion: Faith__

By the order of: Catherine Duckett, Chairperson,

NEXT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING: Monday June 26,
2023 6:30 pm in person

N.B. June 26th meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.