

**Minutes of the Parks & Environment Advisory Board
Meeting May 2nd, 2018 at the Canale Training Center**

In attendance:

Officers Present - Bill Reinert – Chairman

Members Present - Steve Fiedler, Dick Colby, Elmer Ripley, Ken Sooy, Heather Warburton

Members Absent - Mike Hogan – Vice Chairman, James Galvin

Freeholder Representative – James Bertino – absent

County Staff - Greg Brookins, D.H.P.W - present

Secretary - Eric Husta – C.P.S. - present

A motion was made to accept the minutes from our April meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Old Business:

Further discussion was had regarding the County adding historic signage to the Clarks Landing area. Bill Reinert suggested a formal request to County Administration as one of the possible ways to get the County involved in producing the signage.

New Business:

Heather Warburton distributed copies of a Glassboro resolution drafted by Food and Water Watch in support of 100% renewable energy. She suggested tailoring the resolution specifically to Atlantic County.

Roundtable Discussion topics:

Dick Colby gave the group an update on the Earth Day events at the ACUA facility. He questioned Jill Miles about the County's involvement in residential water testing. Jill reported the County does not participate in this type of sampling and the County currently utilizes the ACUA as its testing facility for all other water samples. Dick also mentioned the blazing of the North South Statewide trail through Estell Manor Park is currently underway.

Elmer Ripley updated the group on the demolition of the old jail in Mays Landing and shared various stories about the inmates and guards there.

Ken Sooy updated the group on a recent application in Galloway for a new borrow pit. The application looks to be approved as it is an allowable use in this particular area.

Steve Fiedler discussed the Little Indian Day Camp and his quest to have various individuals in old photographs identified. He reported substantial progress in making positive identifications in

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photos from Dr. Cohen's camp days. He also updated the group on the recent Lines in the Pines event. He reported the turnout at Earth Day was very strong and the Habitat for Humanity's Restore enjoyed some beneficial advertising.

Greg Brookins discussed upcoming highway inspection plans.

Eric Husta mentioned preparations are underway for the County's annual Memorial Day celebration which takes place in the Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery. The annual Park cleanup went well with 60 bags of trash being collected in total.

Jill Miles reported on a rabid raccoon in Northfield along with new bathing regulations including those pertaining to the requirements surrounding AEDs. Discussion was also had regarding new ocean signage.

Heather Warburton mentioned a standing open invitation to the Hammonton Environmental Council's meetings. Discussion was had regarding a fracking waste ban and potential park events including Plein-Air events.

Bill Reinert furthered the discussion regarding the discovery of a new tick in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He mentioned the tick is an Asian Long-Horn tick and it has successfully overwintered in Union County, New Jersey as well. Bill also reported horseshoe crab tagging is in full swing.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:34 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 6th 2018 , at 6 PM and will consist of a trip to the historic Clark's Landing site.

cc: Dennis Levinson, County Executive
Jerry DelRosso, County Administrator
Diana Rutala, Dep. County Administrator
Frank D. Formica, Chairman - Board of Freeholders
James Bertino, Board of Freeholders – PEAB Representative
Greg Brookins, Dept. Head Public Works
All Advisory Board Members