



## LBEC Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, March 17, 2025

Scheduled 7:00-8:00 pm

Location: City Hall

Call to order - 7:01 p.m.

EC Members Roll Call : Chris, Catherine, Rich C, Nan, Rich L, Faith, Manju & Jen

Out: Avry

Citizens/GT Present: Gerry, Enis, Phil, Annette, Damien, Maryanna ( student advocate )

Special Guest Speaker : Jaye Simms, DPW Long Branch,- 2022- present

- Jaye is both the recycling & Clean Communities Coordinator
- Works with Stan (Director of LBPW)
  - Storm Water
  - Recycling - Double to single stream
    - Goal is to minimize wear & tear on trucks
    - Recycling sent to Mazza (Tinton Falls)
  - Clean ups- Clean communities certification
    - Meet with county coordinators
    - Faith- how to sign up for clean ups?
      - Issue by Pleasure Bay by Welsh Farms
      - LB should institute town wide clean up
  - Passionate about recycling
    - Open to ideas and wishes to become more involved.
    - Enis - LB Day- Mazza expand scope of recycling
      - Pizza Boxes & Toothpaste containers
      - 90% of county uses Mazza
      - LB Webpage reflects our counties mandated recyclables plan- Jaye
    - Phil- Single Stream- Paper/Cardboard
      - Atlantic Ave dumpsters taken to Mazza
        - Monthly Charges= \$ commodity
        - Clean cardboard - weighed & compacted at Atlantic
        - Initiative - Water Bottle Station at boardwalk ?
          - Replace broken water fountains with water refill stations ?
          - Expand to parks?
    - Manju- Styrofoam Recycling
      - DPW- Kings Hwy & Rt 35 Middletown
      - Manju to come up with a schedule for a few more events this year - maybe quarterly
      - Where can we hold the next LB event?

- Jaye suggested he could ask Stan to procure a public works van instead of us using personal transportation
- Rich L- provided status about composting
  - Will speak to Colonial Nursery & Chapel Hill for price quote
  - Rook Coffee- two tons of coffee grounds
    - Cannot compost at Atlantic Avenue due to wetlands and potential runoff
    - A possibility of composting at the community garden?
      - Compost vs food waste
- Nan- Sneaker bin- Stan to remove bin – too much garbage being dropped there instead of sneakers
- Maryana - (student advocate/Clean Ocean Action) - spoke to propose balloon ban ordinance - follow up with Faith
  - April 12th - Beach Clean up day

LBEC Liaison Report : Glenn

- EC - to meet with Charlie & Mayor Pallone on input for landscaping plan for City Hall/Library Garden
  - Manju, Catherine & Faith to meet with Mayor Pallone Friday March 21st
- Plastic Dust Ordinance
  - Enis- Star Ledger article about implementation of Dust Ordinance
    - Mostly South Jersey & Monmouth Beach, contamination of PFC's with spray insulation
  - Faith, Enis & Glenn meeting with Charles Shirley along with Brian Thompson of Monmouth Beach to discuss ordinance March 28th

LBEC Planning Board Committee Report : Rich C

- February Meeting
  - Two applications
    - 1- approved at Ocean Ave & Broadway
    - 1- not approved- located by Branchport - need to redraw lots
    - Removal of gas tanks by West End BP
      - City/ DEP for compliance

Approval of Minutes : February 2025

- Passed & approved as is

Treasurer's Report: Faith

- \$400 -trees for Arbor Day giveaways
  - Were big trees
- \$250- Invasive Species Training
- \$600- Arbor Day @ Jackson Woods
  - Approved Unanimously
- \$6,000 - in the EC Budget
- \$5,000 - in the Tree Committee Budget

### Current Business: Faith

- Avenel Rain Garden
  - Should address pipe silt issues and improve habitat for snapping turtles
  - Planning water quality testing before & after
  - Waiting on designs from Rutgers - Hollie
    - Need by 2nd week of April for middle school participation
- Dune Grass : Rich L
  - Rich is in charge of Native plant nursery
    - Additional dune grass planting locations TBD
    - Need educational campaign - stay off dune grass
- Tree Ordinance Education - Nan - Poster being created

### New Business :

- ANJEC training webinar - March 18th - Faith encouraged attendance
- Earth Day- April 22 @ LBHS - Jennifer to attend for EC
- Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP)
  - New goals for next year

### Motion to Close:

- Motion to close meeting - Rich L & Rich C
- Meeting adjourned
- Next meeting April 21, 2025 - City Hall , 2nd Floor small conference room