



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