

AGENDA

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL ASSETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE “Improving the natural beauty and resources of Ocean Pines”

Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 10 a.m.

Conference Room, Administration Building

Call to Order

Chairperson’s comments:

Recording of meeting. Encouragement of committee consensus. Bayside Gazette article.

OP Volunteer appreciation dinner: 11 April, 7 PM, Yacht Club. 1 guest. Need RSVP.

Approval of Agenda:

Approval of minutes: January 24, 2024 meeting:

Public Comments:

- Visit by Maryland Coastal Bay Program (MCBP): invasive species.
 - Other topics: OP Day, mosquito pesticide spraying.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ENA submitted five charging documents in February to the BOD for OPA approval and action: Turtle sanctuaries, fish-line tubes, geese/duck sign additions, goose egg addling, White Horse Park trees. Need assistance on locating new tree plantings in the park.
- Ocean Pines Day Kickoff event 2024 (April 20 or 27, 2024): ongoing group effort to prepare for exhibit

NEW BUSINESS

- Colonial Village ghost forest spreading due to flooding. Cypress tree planting and OPA response. Homeowner noted that 3 MDE representatives confirmed that stormwater flooding is the issue that is harming the trees. Opportunity to purchase trees for planting in this area.
- Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Summit review
- Issue: Sewage disposal originating from Glen Riddle. Worc. County issued a RFP for a new force main from Glen Riddle to the OP wastewater treatment plant.
- Pesticide spraying in OP for mosquito control.
- Canal water quality: fertilizers and grass cuttings problem, education issue.
- Urban trees grant program, Chesapeake Bay Trust: grants for tree planting programs must be within urban/underserved zones, which includes a central portion of Ocean Pines only.
- At March meeting, Assateague Coast Trust will present opportunities on water quality testing.

OPEN DISCUSSION

ONGOING PROJECTS – OUTSTANDING ISSUES

PROJECT - ISSUE	INITIATION	STATUS
South Pond shoreline habitat modification	Dec.2022	MCBP grant approval, wait on EPA fund. Possible start May 2024.
South Pond shoreline repair	Dec.2022	Closed. Future project.
Installation of fish-line tubes	June 2023	Wait on OPA approval
White Horse Park, new trees	Aug.2023	Wait on OPA approval
Goose egg addling	Sept.2023	Wait on OPA approval
Possible public works management of geese signs	Nov.2023	Closed
Statement on yard waste disposal and recycling	Nov.2023	Closed
Rt 90 Pond nature signs	Jan. 2024	Future project
Colonial Village cypress trees	Feb. 2024	initiated

Date of next meeting – 27 March, 10 a.m. in Administration Building Conference Room

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