

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT & NATUARAL ASSETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
EAST ROOM – 10 a.m.

Present: Chair Sharon Santacroce, Anne O’Connell, Pat Benner, Karen Detter and John Maziuk. Doug Parks, Board Liaison, did not attend.

Call to Order: Sharon Santacroce called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Chairman’s comments and public comments: Sharon Santacroce thanked everyone in attendance and mentioned Tim Johnson (new resident in OP) is interested in joining our committee. She also mentioned if anyone is interested in running for the Board to let the Elections Committee know.

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Anne and seconded by Pat and approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for our last meeting on March 13, 2022, were approved by a motion from Pat and seconded by John and approved by a unanimous vote of committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- New geese signs – We continue to wait for Public Works to install signs. PW has been hit with multiple Covid cases and are behind in their projects.
- Doug Parks updated us that the Board has our document on previous goose control methods. We will now proceed with a presentation for the May Board Meeting with our suggested plans for controlling erosion and goose gatherings at the South Pond (and North Pond, as needed).
- Saving the shad in the South Pond – This agenda item has now gone through the info@oceanpines.org process and Public Works is aware and will clean up the drainage and maintain.
- Discussions and work has begun on our board presentation. We discussed what needs to be included, pictures were suggested, and each member is contributing to the final work. Pat will ask Billy Weiland of ACT to be a guest speaker at our next meeting to help us with best practices surrounding our project.

NEW BUSINESS

- Route 90 Pond – The Recs and Parks Committee has made great strides in trail/pathway upgrades and signage will be forthcoming. Sharon shared her conversation with Patti Stevens to work in concert in beautifying this natural gem. The kayak launch was discussed in hopes Public Works can revitalize and maintain it going forward.

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- Bay Day is on May 15, 2022 and we discussed the marine plunder to have boats collect trash in the river and a dumpster will be placed at the boat ramp. Pat Benner may invite her kayak club to participate and help with this important clean up event and will contact Sue Challis of the Marine Activity Committee. Sharon, Anne and Karen will have an educational table/booth.
- We discussed newspaper plastic bag contamination in our community and will ask Doug Parks to bring this issue to the Board's attention. We will recommend Ocean Pines adopt the same policy as The Parke in having newspaper vending machines available rather than randomly dispersing them in driveways.
- Date of next meeting – May 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the East Room.

Adjourn