

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT & NATUARAL ASSETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 26, 2023
Conference Room, Admin. Bldg. – 10 a.m.

Present: Sharon Santacroce (Chair), Anne O’Connell, Karen Detter, John Maziuk, Patty Gamby, Patricia Garcia, Tim Peck, Pat Benner, Doug Parks (Board Liaison) and Jeff Heavner, who is currently running for Board of Directors. Karen Baldwin was excused.

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

Chairman’s comments: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Patricia and seconded by Tim and approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tim and seconded by Patty and approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- South Pond Buffer/Erosion Plan – We continue to await word on acceptance or denial. Expectations are we will hear something around October 2023 from Maryland Coastal Bays to OPA Management.
- Interpretive Signs for Route 90 Pond – We shared with Doug Parks, our board liaison, and info@oceanpines.org and Parks and Recs committee the challenges and comments on what we have observed that needs to be worked on by Public Works. For example, some boards are loose and falling apart on the foot bridge plus a tree is falling down also.
- Tree Removal & Permitting Process – Tim will share another response to send to the board via Doug Parks as well as info@oceanpines.org to replace dead trees that are being removed in our parks. Our recommendation is to replace with live trees several feet tall.

NEW BUSINESS

- Turtle Sanctuary – Will be discussed more in-depth after research is complete. We have had several residents make recommendations as well and those were shared and discussed.
- Teach a Kid to Fish Day – Angler’s were impressed with Patty Gamby’s monofilament container and recommended two be installed at the South Pone. We have recommended to the board for same. We are trying to raise the level of awareness at these events to teach kids to “Clear Your Gear” and thus, save our wildlife from becoming entangled. Patty said monofilament collected should be burned or cut into 6 inch strips and disposed of in the trash.

- Bee Hive Installation – OP Gardening Area – we are done with this discussion. We have recommended it be done. It's OPA's decision now whether to install or not.
- Miscellaneous - John gave us a list of MD counties that are now charging for plastic bags that (in time) will most likely be banned entirely. It was discussed that in Delaware, they give out paper bags or ask for recycled bags to be used for groceries, etc.

Date of next meeting – August 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Administration Bldg. Conference Room

Adjourn