

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENT & NATUARAL ASSETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 11: AM

Country Club

Present – Chairman Ken Wolf, Sharon Santacroce, Marty Clarke, John Maziuk, Anne O’Connell, Karen Detter, Susan Holt, and Pat Benner. Paul Fohner was excused. Neither Tom Janacek or Debbie Donahue attended.

Call to Order: – Ken Wolf called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Chairman’s comments and public comments: - Ken introduced a guest speaker, Mr. Fred Stiehl of the Worcester County Waste Water Advisory Board. Mr. Stiehl spent the next forty-five minutes updating our committee on the waste water plant and its activities and taking all questions. He started by identifying the benefits of spraying effluent on the Ocean Pines golf course. He believed it would reduce up to 200,000 gpd of draw off our existing aquifer as well as divert up to 600 lbs. of nitrogen per year to the golf course from the Saint Martin River. Unfortunately this comes with a heavy price take of approximately \$3.5 Million to be paid for by the user population. His guess was around \$5.00 per ¼.

Mr. Stiehl went on to report that our 50-year-old plant was still super-efficient and state of the art. He pointed out that we were not required to join into the State rain tax because our plant was operating so environmentally well.

Approval of Agenda: - Approved by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes: - The minutes for our last meeting on July 28, 2021, were approved by acclamation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Plat of Offshore Lake by Vista** – Still have not received any copy of the plat being prepared by Vista Design. Marty will follow up next week.
- **Water testing status – from Tom or Debbie** Neither Tom or Debbie were able to attend. It was agreed that Sharon would contact our GM after the meeting. Marty reminded all that this information cannot be withheld from any voting member of the Ocean Pines Association, Inc. and that is the law. This issue needs to be put to bed now.
- **Status of motion on Flight Turf – from Tom** There has not been a board meeting since our committee passed our motion.
- **Status of new geese signs – Debbie** No Debbie, no answer
- **Clarity on the responsibility for egg addling** – no Tom , no Debbie , no discussion
- **Stratus of MCBP pond review** Ken read an email from Kevin at MCBP which detailed the road forward.

NEW BUSINES

- **Bayfront property in Ocean City.** After discussion it was decided that there was further discussion needed following an inspection of the site . One possibility is to support a new pier for our boat traffic to gain access to the Beach Club.
- **Create a motion to move forward on mailbox issue** Marty will put forth the motion at the next meeting.
- **Date of next meeting** Our next meeting will be on September 22, 2021, at 11: AM in the East Room.

Adjourn