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**Environmental Commission Meeting**

**January 17, 2024**

The meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman, Mark Cohen, in compliance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, the public and press have been notified of the Environmental Commission meeting of the Borough of Monmouth Beach.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Mark Cohen, Chairman  
Brian Thompson  
Colette Buchanan  
Mayor David Stickle  
Betsy Palazzo-Dudik  
Sandy Van Sant  
Ann Gilmartin  
Louis Tocci

Absent: Anthony Moro

**Administrative**

- Chairman Cohen read the abovementioned statement.
- 2024 Meeting dates have been approved and will start at 7:00pm
- (see attached)
- Mayor Stickle reappointed the following members –
  - Ann Gilmartin – 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
  - Louis Tocci – 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
  - David Stickle – 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026

**Old Business**

- Rain Garden – Betsy will follow up and report back next month.

**New Business**

- **Skip the Stuff** – Submit the Maplewood Ordinance on Skip the Stuff to Monmouth Beach Commissioners for approval. Motioned by Brian Thompson, second by Colette Buchanan, was 5aya to 2nay vote.
- **State Energy Planning Grants** – Request that a resolution to be made so the Environmental Committee can apply for the grant. Motioned by Brian Thompson, second by Sandy Van Saint, all agreed.
- **Barn Owl Nest Boxes** – Colette spoke about the program that Monmouth County has regarding the Owl Nest Boxes.
- **Renewal of ANJEC** – All approved for renewal of the ANJEC. Motioned by Colette Buchanan, second by Betsey Palazzo-Dudick, all agreed.
- **Murphy vetoes bill to battle invasive plant species** – everyone will do their own research and will be put on the agenda for February meeting.

### **Planning Board Agenda Items**

- No planning Board Applications to review.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Submitted by:

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Environmental Commission Secretary