

**MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2023**  
Pompton Lakes Environmental Protection Committee

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: “In conformance with the Open Public Meetings Law, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, adequate notice of this Meeting setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this regular Meeting through notice posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, mailed to all who had requested and paid for same, and published in the Suburban Trends.

Called to order – 6:47 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Council Liaison, Maria Kent	X (appeared by phone)	
Chairman, Stephen Baig	X	
Chris Sudol		X
Julie Doncoes		X
Michael Meeker	X (needed to leave at 7:02)	
Michael Sciacchetano		X
Bernadette Chillemi	X	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. January 12, 2023

Motion to approve minutes as corrected: Michael Meeker

Second: Michael Sciacchetano

All in favor

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Motion to Open Meeting to Public: Stephen Baig

Second: Michael Sciacchetano

Motion to Close Meeting to Public: Stephen Baig  
Second: Michael Sciacchetano

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Groundwater Guardian Application  
Table to next meeting. As of now, we will be progressing with the same initiatives. We will also add the annual River Clean Up next year.
2. Open Space Report - Michael Meeker  
The Willow Field project received DEP approval. No official start date yet. No new projects yet.
3. Recycling Center Tour.  
Chairman, Baig would like to table to next meeting. Michael Sciacchetano will call to see who is available to give a tour and to determine our point of contact for such tour.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. River Clean Up.
  - Gearing up towards May 7<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Kent passed around the flyer and thanked Mike Meeker for the awesome flyer. Mike Meeker is to send a digital flyer with a link to EventBrite. The committee voted on tote bags with colors similar to the Pompton Lakes 125 Year Anniversary t-shirts.  
Motion to order tote bags from 4Inprint with cardinal red lettering on a white bags, request to order 100 cardinal red t-shirts with white lettering; all t-shirts and tote bags will have 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo on them: Steven Baig  
Second: Michael Sciacchetano  
All in favor
  - Councilwoman Kent advised that all invoices must go through the Borough Administrator. Otterstedt is the New Risk Management Insurance Agency. It was discussed to order cupcakes or a cake in celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Councilwoman Kent will reach out to Gene Hoffman to possibly sponsor food. Will table the food portion to next meeting.
2. Take the Pledge.

- Chairman, Baig indicated that the Take the Pledge items need to be updated. We will need to order about (ten) 10 more signs. It was discussed to see if the costs may be offset by the CRS Program or if there are any funds in the Flood Advisory Budget (“FAB”). Councilwoman Kent will need an invoice to provide to FAB for determination.
- It was also mentioned that the EPC should order additional EPC staff t-shirts. Russ from Acadia will do the signs and t-shirts. Chairman Baig will buy the t-shirts individually – not through town funds.

Motion to order ten (10) signs and t-shirts: Michael Sciacchetano

Second: Bernadette Chillemi

All in Favor

3. Curbside Recycling and the Recycling Center

Table to next meeting. It was mentioned that the EPC would like to invite Alexa Reed to be on the subcommittee.

4. Composting Project.

Table to next meeting as Chris Sodul heads the project and he was unable to attend the meeting.

5. High School Litter Video Contest.

Table to next meeting. An initial conversation was started and it was mentioned to bring the idea to the High School to assist with creating new flyers, etc.

6. Lake Restoration Report.

Councilwoman Kent advised that the Borough will not be utilizing Solitude’s monitoring services this year as they were not providing data. The new company will be providing reports to the Borough Administrator, Councilwoman Kent and EPC Chairman, Baig or EPC’s designee.

7. Working with our B.I.D. on Littering.

Get high school students involved in creating posters, flyers, etc. Councilwoman Kent advised that the EPC with the BID can start an initiative to clean up the Pond Hole – clean up one section at a time, or one group per section depending on how many volunteers – should be a one day clean up. In order to get the word out, Bernadette Chillemi proposed going to the Lakeside Commons’ management office and provide flyer with the dates (not only for this initiative, but all future EPC initiatives) to get more tenants/residents involved. It was mentioned by Mayor Serra to reach out to

St. Mary's as well. Steve Baig and Michael Sciacchetano to get youth groups involved and Councilwoman Kent suggested to obtain approval from Michael Carelli to post to social media accounts and Library board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: Michael Sciacchetano

Second: Bernadette Chillemi

All in Favor

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:29 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by:

*Bernadette Chillemi*

Bernadette Chillemi, PLEPC Secretary