Maintenance sought for Fisherman’s Memorial

By JACK FICHTER

CAPE MAY — The Fisherman’s Memorial is in need of regular maintenance, which could be a fitting project for the fishing industry.

At a meeting of the Municipal Buildings and Property Advisory Committee on Aug. 15, Board Engineer Craig Hurless said the committee had not heard any discussion for months on the Fisherman’s Memorial and he wanted something put on the agenda.

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Transportation Center on Lafayette Avenue is eco-friendly, the concept isn’t new but the city is discussing it, he said. Elwell said Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the transit company, has a similar concept for its facility. Elwell said it needs any improvements. He also suggested a partnership to help maintain the flagpole at Fisherman’s Memorial Park. He also suggested a partnership to help maintain both parks.

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The board initially approved a sewer design for the parking lot and in the rehabilitation process, the applicant put in a line and brought out the product they were using, he said. Vince Orlando, partner at Engineering Design Associates, said the applicant’s company is eco-friendly, and when the applicant made that change, it was fantastic. They were looking at the environment and a better alternative.

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