



Shown are members of the new passive park committee: (seated) Eleanor Moore, environmental commission; Gordon Dahl, South Jersey Economic Development District; Kelly Blum, realtor; Patiann Ponicherta, office of the mayor; (Standing) George Marinaci, president, AARP; Mayor Leonard Desiderio, chairman; and Gary Egnasko, North End Association.

Passive Park Committee formed to plan park in north end

SEASIDE CITY A committee to get ideas from various community members was formed by Mayor Leonard Desiderio to move along the plan for the Passive Park in the north end where the former landfill was located around Fifth Street and Landis Avenue. The landfill was closed before the state mandated that closed landfills had to be capped, according to city engineer Andy Previti. That was good news for the committee with the biggest obstacle, the high cost of capping the landfill, eliminated.

Assisting the planning group is Gordon Dahl, who is executive director of the South Jersey Economic Development Commission, of which Desiderio is chairman. The group also agreed to contact state and county officials to assist in ne-

gotiations with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in the design of the park.

The planning group listed the following activities and needs that they would like to see in the park: restrooms, parking, outdoor showers, bocce court, canoeing, kayaking, osprey tower, bird watching pavilion, windmill demonstration, shuffleboard, volleyball court and an environmental path.

The recommendation for a bike path that would run above the wetlands along the bay from 29th Street, after exiting the promenade to Fifth Street received the most enthusiasm. In addition, the group approved the idea of incorporating the proposed restored Ludlum Beach Lighthouse in the park concept.