



## **Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2022**

Present: Rich Rodack, Miriam Reichenbach, Ed Komczyk, Marilyn Quinn, Ahmad Tamous, Russell Price, Eric Agren, Alternates: Carl Ford, Ken Miller

WD Twp Representative: None

Student Representative: None

Public – Mr. Mo Perera

Guests: None

Call to Order: Miriam Reichenbach called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

**Secretary's Report – Meeting Minutes** – Rich asked for a motion to review the draft meeting minutes. The motion was made by Miriam and it was seconded by Ed. The draft minutes were reviewed and two changes were suggested. Rich asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes as amended. Russ made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and it was seconded by Marilyn. The motion passed with no objections. Eric abstained from the vote.

**Secretary's Report - Correspondence received** – Rich discussed the correspondence the WDEC received, as follows:

- Dubois Associates letter dated 4/7/22 regarding NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Verification application on behalf of applicant D.R. Horton – NJ/PA for Block 374, Lots 2.08, 3.02, 3.21, 3.22 and 4.0.
- Rich also said he had a blank ANJEC grant application for review if anyone wished to review it.
- Rich reported that he spoke with ANJEC regarding West Deptford's 2022 membership fees and ANJEC confirmed fee receipt and West Deptford's 2022 membership is in good standing.
- Ed asked about whether the township has received an invoice from Tall Pines for membership fees.  
Action Item – Rich to follow-up with Barb Lamplugh to see if the township received it. In addition, Eric made a motion to approve payment of the fees if the invoice was received. The motion was seconded by Miriam. The motion passed with no objection.

The abovementioned correspondence and blank ANJEC grant application were also emailed to WDEC members for their review prior to the meeting.

### **Old Business**

Township Liaison Report: No representative was present at the meeting.

Student Representative Report: No representative was present at the meeting.

**Chairperson's Report:** Miriam reported on the following items:

Update on signs on Nature Trail and trail extensions – Ed reported that he spoke with Karl Andersen and Bill Gigliotti and has set up a meeting for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the nature trail. Ed invited WDEC members to attend if they wished to do so. Action Item – Miriam asked Marilyn to communicate the date and time of the meeting with West Deptford resident Ms. Ceravolo because of her previously expressed interest in the expansion of the nature trail. Rich also said there was also mention of nature trail improvements in the March township committee meeting minutes. Action Item – Rich to follow-up with Jill Magill to gather additional details on the topic.

Invitation to Mr. Charron to speak to WDEC – Miriam spoke to the township and provided additional details to WDEC regarding Mr. Charron's and Delaware River Partners and asked for a final decision on whether to extend

an invitation to Mr. Charron to speak to the WDEC as a guest speaker. After discussion it was decided that since the LNG project was on hold, there was no reason to extend the invitation to speak to Mr. Charron.

Insectarium and butterfly pavilion – Miriam asked whether WDEC members had watched the documentary regarding the Insectarium. Some members did and others did not. She asked for opinions on whether we should hire them for West Deptford Fun Day. After discussion, it was decided to gather additional information and discuss at the May meeting. Action Item – Eric to investigate alternatives to Insectarium and report at May meeting.

Solvay public participation program update – Nothing new.

### **New Business:**

Earth Day Activities – Miriam met with Latiya and determined that signs, paper bags and buckets are available for the event. Miriam said Latiya would pick up the seedlings. Carl said LED bulbs will need to put into paper LED flyers and stapled prior to handout. Miriam asked for volunteers to meet at RiverWinds on Friday at 430 PM for prep work associated with the seedlings and LED bulbs. Miriam asked for volunteers to meet at RiverWinds on Saturday morning at 830 AM for event set-up and distribution of LED bulbs and seedlings

Communication with Residents: Nothing new to report.

Project Updates – Rich reported that the March township committee meeting minutes talked about the replacement well for West Deptford Well 3. The test well was drilled by Solvay's contractor. The well was sampled and the results will be forthcoming to determine its suitability as a potable water supply well. Miriam reported that the Jessup water tower painting was completed.

Grant Applications: The group talked about the ANJEC grant application and decided the timeframe, submittal by May 2<sup>nd</sup>, was too short to complete the application.

Planning Board - Eric reported there was no work session this month and next week's meeting would only be addressing some minor items.

Financial Report: Eric provided the financial report via email and reported on the expenditures year-to-date: \$475 for ANJEC membership fees, \$420 for tree seedlings and \$440 for the LED light bulbs. Rich asked about the new line item on the report dated 4/12/22 entitled "Reimbursement Solvay Finance WD Environment Commission" in the amount of \$1,500. Action Item – Eric said he would check on it and report on it at the May meeting.

Public Comment: None

### **For the Good of the Order:**

Marilyn talked about portions of fencing taken down along RiverWinds drive.

Adjourn: Miriam asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Russ made the motion and it was seconded by Rich. Miriam adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M. with no objections.

### **Dates to Remember**

May 16th

EC meeting, 7:00 P.M, in-person, RiverWinds



6/22/22

Signed and submitted by Richard Rodack, WDEC Secretary