



Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2022

Present: Miriam Reichenbach, Ed Komczyk, Marilyn Quinn, Ahmad Tamous, , Alternates: Carl Ford, Ken Miller

WD Twp Representative: Adam Reid

Student Representative: Colwyn Moser, Katherine Pitts

Public – Mr. Isaac Perera

Guests: None

Call to Order: Miriam Reichenbach called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Secretary’s Report – Meeting Minutes – Ed moved and Ken seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary’s Report - Correspondence received – No report

Old Business

Township Liaison Report: Adam reported that the testing of local wells indicated the ph is high in some. Rivergate Park is well on its way to completion. There is no restriction on Amazon trucks on Kings Hwy. Pickleball court will have a soft opening in late September or early October. The animal pelts (Zanders), the archeological artifacts and the Philadelphia Insectarium exhibits were a big hit at West Deptford Day.

Student Representative Report: Colwyn will talk with Michael, at the greenhouse, about the distribution of milkweed seeds or pods for residents to plant in the fall. Mums are available from Michael’s!

Chairperson’s Report: Miriam reported on the following items:

Update on signs on Nature Trail and trail extensions – Ed reported that he is working with Bill Gigliotti to finalize plans to extend the Nature Trail and then purchase additional signs for the trail. Action item: Miriam will invite Bill to our next Commission meeting.

Turtle Crossing Signs – Turtle Crossing signs of the same size and quality as the current deer crossing signs cost about \$35 each. We would need at least two, plus the cost of mounts and installation. Action Item: Miriam will speak with Bill Gigliotti about purchasing and installing such signs along Riverwinds Drive.

Wildflower update – Wildflowers were mowed down too early in the season. They need to stand long enough to protect young animals and provide shelter for insects. Continue to look for spaces in the township where we can extend wildflower planting in the future.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Nothing new to report. .

Project Updates – LNG – the DRBC okayed an extension of the permit. Only the NY commissioner wanted additional study of the project. PFAS -- contamination in in 24 wells in West Deptford by “forever” chemicals.

Planning Board - Ahmad would like to see the plans for the “purple project”.

Financial Report: Eric provided the financial reports via email.

For the Good of the Order: Colwyn was a great help at WD Day! Both the archeological society and Dr. Dan would like to join us at our Earth Day activities and at next year’s WD Day. NJ is working on a flood plains plan. Miriam sent “thank you” notes to all the employees of either the twp or RiverWinds who helped us with our WD Day activities.

Public Comment:

Adjourn: Miriam asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed made the motion and it was seconded by Ahmad. Miriam adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M. with no objections.

Dates to Remember

October 17 EC meetings, 7:00 P.M, in-person, RiverWinds

Signed and submitted by Miriam Reichenbach, WDEC Chairperson