



## **Environmental Commission Virtual Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2020**

Present via Zoom Meeting: Ken Miller, Ed Komczyk, Marilyn Quinn, Rich Rodack, Miriam Reichenbach, Eric Agren  
Alternate: Carl Ford  
WD Twp Representative: Adam Reid  
Student Representative: Jake Cobb  
Public: None  
Guests: None  
Call to Order: Miriam Reichenbach called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**November Meeting Minutes** – Draft meeting minutes were reviewed and a one revision was suggested. Ken made a motion to accept the revised minutes as amended and it was seconded by Ed. Motion passed by all members via a voice vote with no objections.

### **Old Business**

Township Liaison Report: Adam talked about the items below:

PFNA Letter – Adam said the township posted a letter on its website clarifying the PFNA result shown on the previously issued Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. In follow-up to November a meeting action item, Adam checked with the Deputy Mayor to determine if there was a need to send out the clarification letter via West Deptford's weekly email communication. It was thought that the clarification letter on the website was sufficient and that no further communication regarding the above standard PFNA result of 39.6 parts per trillion was necessary.

RiverWinds Wildlife Feeding – In response to last month's action item, Adam discussed illegally feeding wildlife with the township and reported that the township is considering posting signs and spot checking compliance via occasional police visits.

Grass Mowing and Wildflowers – Adam and Miriam investigated wildflower planting and found that first year planting should be followed by a second and third year reseeding in order to establish a self-sustaining wildflower planting. Adam to convey this information to the public works manager.

**Student Representative Report:** Jake said WDHS is currently learning remotely.

### **Chairperson's Report:**

Meeting Dates for 2021 - No conflicts were raised with the proposed 2021 meeting dates. Meetings will be the third Monday of the month, except for January and February because of holidays. January's meeting would January 25<sup>th</sup> and February's meeting would be February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **New Business:**

Communication with Residents: Nothing new to report. As an aside, Miriam said she posted information on her personal Facebook page regarding LNG and asked WDEC members to look at it and see if it should be posted to the WDEC Facebook page.

LNG Project Update – Marilyn discussed the letter that was sent from various environmental organizations and other interested parties to President-elect Biden. Miriam thanked her for her continued diligence on following this matter.

Solvay NJDEP Natural Resource Damages Lawsuit – There is nothing new to report. As an aside, Marilyn said her investigation of PFA replacement chemicals showed they may be as toxic as PFAs. Research regarding toxicity and potential regulation of these chemicals is ongoing by various entities.

Grants: No new ones to report.

Planning Board

Eric said there is nothing on the Planning Board agenda for December. He also thanked the WDEC for its input throughout the year on various project applications that were put forth to the Board for consideration.

In response to last month's action item regarding the potential for dirty roads from the transport of dried sewage sludge from the GCUA wastewater treatment plant to the county landfill, Eric said the containers holding the material would be tightly covered with tarps and that there would be monthly spot checks by the county engineer.

Financial Report: No change from last month. Ken received reports from the township showing a Trust Fund balance of \$10,904.65 and WDEC account balance of \$3,977.09

Public Comment: None.

For the Good of the Order: Rich asked about current WDEC membership status and whether any action was necessary at this month's meeting. Miriam said that if someone wanted to resign their position they should notify Lee Ann DeHart prior to the Township's January reorganization meeting. In addition, Adam said that the Mayor was aware of Ken's request to switch from full membership to alternate membership. Adam also said the Mayor is currently considering several applicants for potential additions to the committee.

Miriam wished everyone a happy and safe holiday and New Year.


Adjourn:

At 8:05 PM, Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ken. Motion passed with no objections.

Dates to Remember

January 25, 2021

EC virtual meeting, 7:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "R. Rodack", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the date "1/26/21" is handwritten in blue ink.

Signed and submitted by Richard Rodack, WDEC Secretary