



## **Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes - February 24, 2020**

**Present:** Ken Miller, Ed Komczyk, Marilyn Quinn, Eric Agren, Rich Rodack, Miriam Reichenbach, Alternate: Carl Ford

**WD Twp Representative:** Adam Reid

**Student Representative:** Jake Cobb

**Public:** No one from the public was present

**Guests:** Lee Ann DeHart – WD Township, Acting Administrator – provided an overview of recycling challenges and opportunities

**Call to Order:** Miriam Reichenbach called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Public:** No comment

**Guests:** Lee Ann DeHart presented information on current recycling challenges and opportunities for the township. The township is finding that inappropriate materials, such as plastic bags or food- contaminated items, are being placed in recycling containers. Public works personnel try to separate inappropriate materials where possible. The challenge is to keep WD residents informed of which materials should be recycled and which should not. Recycling Information is currently available in the WD calendar as well as in occasional reminders in WD Township emails to residents and also via social media. Adam suggested perhaps an online interactive quiz to raise awareness regarding proper recycling. The EC may also want to do something to raise awareness at Earth Day activities. Eric suggested handing out refrigerator magnets with simple recycling messages on them. Action Item – Miriam to investigate the cost of purchasing 1000 small magnets.

**Previous Month Meeting Minutes:** Ken made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes as submitted by Miriam. Motion seconded by Ed. Motion carried by voice vote with no objections.

### **Old Business:**

**Liaison:** Adam spoke about an upcoming WD Twp. event on 4/24/20 regarding the planting of a seedling which originated from an acorn taken from the fallen Salem oak tree. Action Item – Adam asked for suggestions on where the oak seedling should be planted.

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

**Commission Membership** – The EC is actively seeking additional membership to fill vacancies. This has been communicated to the township and the word is out. In follow-up to a previously raised question, after further inquiry, Miriam reported that it was determined that Jake Cobb could not be an EC member because he was not yet 18 years old. In follow-up from last meeting, Rich contacted the WD school district superintendent and was subsequently informed by WD high school that another student representative volunteered, Ms. Isabella Gismondi. Rich thanked the school and let them know about EC meeting dates and agendas on WD Township's website..

**Nature Trail Signs** – Ken reported that the nature trail signs have been received and are ready to be installed. EC is looking at late April or early May for installation, pending available resources.

**Earth Day Activities** – seedlings for Earth Day are ordered; LED light bulbs at \$.50 each will be purchased from Weiss hardware. Action Item – Ken to follow-up with Latiya to ensure we have signs to identify each tree species we are distributing.

**WD Family Fun Day** – The date for WD Family Fun Day is September 19, so we need to plan accordingly for Rowan's Dr. Lacovera participation and exhibits and other activities.

### **New Business:**

**Communication with Residents:** Ken reported that FB is doing well with new posts and "likes".

**Grants:** No new ones, seedlings for Earth Day giveaway have been ordered.

**Planning Committee:** Eric presented COIM's proposed distillation column project. No objections were raised. Eric also presented the proposed Self- Storage facility project. Rich discussed his previously submitted written draft comments on the proposed project. Ed made a motion to accept the amended comments (there was a typo Rich found in his original comments). Ken seconded the motion. The motion passed via voice vote with no objections. Eric asked that the approved comments be placed on letterhead and submitted on Tuesday morning, 2/25. Both projects will be reviewed at the Planning Board meeting on 2/25/20.

**Financial Report:** Ken presented financial reports from Twp. The general account balance is \$1,270; The Special fund balance is \$10,904.65.

**Student Representative Report:** Jake reported on recycling activity at WD high school. Action Item – Miriam asked Jake to further investigate the recycling activity to determine if recycled items, such as paper, were separated from the general trash prior to pick-up by WD Township.

**Public Comment:** None

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

Marilyn reported on her attendance at the Delaware River Keepers meeting at Widener University regarding the proposed LNG Export Facility in Gibbstown, NJ. The proposed facility would have inbound LNG shipments from Pennsylvania via truck and/or rail, posing the risk of a potentially catastrophic accident. Timing of the loading dock completion was reported as approximately two years out. Additional information can be found online.

### **Adjourn:**

At 8:55 Ed moved, and Ken seconded, a motion to adjourn. Motion carried with voice vote with no objections.

### **Dates to Remember**

March 16, Monday  
April 18, Saturday  
April 20, Monday  
April 24, Friday

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7/20/20

EC meeting, 7:00 p.m. at RiverWinds  
EC Earth Day Activities at RiverWinds  
EC meeting, 7:00 p.m. at RiverWinds  
WD Township Salem Oak Tree Seedling Planting – Location TBD