



Environmental Commission Virtual Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2020

Present via Zoom Meeting: 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: Ms. Marsha Lindsey

Guests: None

Call to Order: Miriam Reichenbach called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Special Note – There were no Environmental Commission meetings conducted in March, April, May or June because of coronavirus pandemic restrictions.

February 2020 Meeting Minutes: Ed made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes as submitted by Rich, however he did ask that they be signed by the secretary.. Motion seconded by Ken. Motion carried by voice vote with no objections.

Old Business:

Liaison: Adam spoke about PFNA and the recent West Deptford Water Quality report. There were some questions raised in the community regarding the PFNA result of 39.6 ppt versus the MCL of 13 ppt. Adam explained that the 39.6 result was a sample at one of West Deptford's currently off-line wells and was not a sample of the drinking water sent for distribution to residents. Action Items – Miriam asked Adam to pursue 3 items as follows: 1} Provide an update on PFNA at the August meeting, 2) Speak to the township asking that a clarification be put in the West Deptford email communication to residents explaining the context of the 39.6 ppt result, and 3} Follow-up on the "dirty water" issue in National Park. With regard to item 3 above, Adam said he thought National Park was facing similar PFNA water contamination issues as West Deptford but was not certain as to the extent or resolution of the problem. Adam also addressed a question raised by community members regarding brown water in the Thorofare section of the Township. He said it was a transient problem associated with fire hydrant flushing. Adam provided an update on the installation of the PFNA filtration system on West Deptford Well #8 saying that construction was almost completed and initial testing will be done to ensure the filtration system is working properly. As an offshoot of the PFNA discussion, Ken mentioned a research article he saw regarding a substitute chemical for PFAS, namely, chloroperfluoropolyether carboxylates (CIPFPECAs), that have been found in soil in West Deptford and other areas of NJ. Regulatory agencies have not yet set limits for these chemical compounds.

Chairperson's Report:

Nature Trail Signs – Signs have not been put in place because of pandemic restrictions. .

Commission Membership – The EC is actively seeking additional membership to fill vacancies. Adam confirmed that Mr. Russell Price was appointed as an EC member in April. This leaves one position for an alternate member. Ms. Marsha Lindsey will be submitting her application to the Township for consideration. See public comment section below.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Miriam reported status quo, Becky is still helping us with Facebook posts.

LNG/Riverkeepers Virtual meeting – Marilyn provided an update on the Delaware Riverkeepers Network virtual meeting and provided information regarding the proposed Gibbstown LNG export terminal and the potential for shipments of LNG by truck or rail from Wyalusing, PA to Gibbstown. Said deliveries by truck and rail would be going through West Deptford and other nearby communities. She informed the committee that the Riverkeepers gained a lot of their information via FOIA requests and, further that regulatory agencies seemed to be rushing project approvals without proper review and public comment. Marilyn said there is a DRBC meeting coming up in August and the Riverkeepers organization is looking for

support from municipalities to oppose the project. Ed and Miriam thanked Marilyn for her diligence in researching this matter. Action Item – Miriam asked Adam to check with the Township to determine if they had an official position regarding the project.

Solvay Letter – Ed said he received a letter from Solvay with test results for his two wells and surface cistern. He noted that a new chemical named chloroperfluoropolyether carboxylates (CIPFPECAs) were detected in trace amounts in his wells. Ed and Miriam talked to NJDEP about the matter and NJDEP suggested using bottled water instead of their well water. Miriam asked NJDEP if they could still use the wells if they changed the water filters on their taps on a monthly basis and NJDEP said yes.

Grants: No new ones mentioned by anyone.

Planning Committee: Eric and Rich discussed the following letters that were received:

1. Gloucester County letter providing public notice regarding Sunoco's planned Class D recycling facility at their Crown Point Road facility (Note that this letter has an error in it regarding the date of the second public hearing, the correct date is July 22, not June 22). However, the public notice that was included with the letter contained the correct meeting date.
2. PSEG letter regarding a vegetation maintenance permit.
3. Ramboll letter regarding TWA permit application for certain remediation activities at the Sunoco Crown Point Road facility.
4. GES letter regarding a TWA permit application on behalf of Solvay for the construction and operation of a hydraulic control and treatment system at 653 Mantua Grove Road.
5. Public notice letter from BCIF Acquisitions, LLC notifying the township of a request to NJDEP for a Letter of Interpretation and Flood Hazard Area Verification for 1847 Crown Point Road.

Rich said he made a quick review of the letters and there were no significant issues or concerns that he saw and he would send the letters to EC members for their review.

Action Item - Rich to send scanned copies of letters to EC members

Financial Report: Ken did not have current financial data but will provide an update at August meeting.

Student Representative Report: No news to report.

Public Comment: Ms. Lindsey expressed an interest in joining the Environmental Commission and said she would submit the required paperwork to the Township for consideration.

For the Good of the Order: Nothing

Adjourn:

At 8:54 Ed moved, and Marilyn seconded, a motion to adjourn. Motion carried with voice vote with no objections.

Dates to Remember

August 17, 2020

EC virtual meeting, 7:00 p.m.



Signed and Submitted by Richard Rodack, WDEC Secretary