



Environmental Commission

Minutes 20 June 2016

Present: Ken Miller, Ed Komczyk, Eric Agren, Becky Headley, Maureen Concordia, Carl Ford, Miriam Reichenbach, and Denice DiCarlo

Alternates: Jim Robinson

Guest: Domenic Lanciano

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Carl moved and Jim seconded a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Approved.

The mayor swore in Domenic Lanciano as an alternate member of the commission

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed said that we'd had a 3rd meeting with DVRPC on 8 June. We received and reviewed maps, charts, and other information which will be included in the ERI. Ed asked that we all look at the list of photos requested by Melissa Andrews and send her anything appropriate.

Ed shared extensive background of the experts we hope to utilize in completing the ERI. Ken reminded us that the DVRPC has "a guy" (an expert) who helps them with their research.

Water Quality Update: Denice informed on us that there is another round of testing readings on the wells. The engineer will be looking at well #8; looking at a possible means of treating the water in question. The Clement Drive wells are fully approved.

The PSE&G tree trimming (every 4 years) will begin soon. This project ensures that the power lines are clear of the trees. Ed explained to the group that PSE&G now has an arborist on call to answer residents' questions.

Grant Applications: none

Chairperson's Report: Ken met with Fred Hill, the Sustainable NJ representative from East Greenwich Twp. It seems we need to create a "green team" – which could be the members of the environmental commission. The team will need to meet with Aimee Boucher to determine what is currently happening in the twp. that counts toward qualifying as a sustainable community. Eric asked about cost, paperwork, combined resources and committee people. Denice will look at the paperwork and share it with the solicitor. Ken requested we look at the Sustainable NJ website and see what actions and certifications are required.

Denice informed us the twp. had a fishing tournament! So, if we decide to do one for Family Fun Day we won't have to reinvent the wheel. Also, she remarked that the soil map provided by DVRPC is great and that it might be helpful to the Beautification Committee.

New Business:

See the Chair report regarding Sustainable NJ.

Planning Committee: Phase I of Park West is up for discussion again. COIM is planning a large pole barn.

Financial Report: none

For the Good of the Order: Eric talked about the official dedication of our first state preserve – the grounds of Tall Pines. It took seven years to complete this project.

Domenic told us about the tree cutting along the cove at Riverwinds, and now the spraying. The restaurant is responsible for these actions. Domenic will send the pertinent information to Ken who will pass it along to Debby Turner-Fox for appropriate action.

Jim asked that we make a design decision for our commission banner. He has offered the banner to us as a gift. Thank you, Jim.

Carl mentioned a book of interest: *Our Renewable Future*.

Ed reminded us just how lucky we are to have Debby Turner-Fox with us. Ken expressed his pleasure that Debby is looking after our water issues so diligently.

Public Comment: Nothing.

Adjourn: at 8:35 p.m. Ed moved and Jim seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dates to Remember:

15 August, 7:00 p.m.

Next Commission meeting – at Riverwinds

