



Environmental Commission

Minutes 21 August 2017

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

Alt: Rich Rodack

Twp: Adam Reid

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Ed made, and Maureen seconded, a motion to accept the amended July minutes. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed reviewed an email from Melissa Andrews and asked the group to pay particular attention to Melissa's questions at the end of the email. Both Adam and Ed agreed to look into these questions.

Water Quality Update: Adam reported that the water main issue on Kings Hwy and the work on Ogden Road is complete. There is still work to be done on Parkville Station Road.

Chairperson's Report: There is no mail. We must look for ways to move communication forward. Once the ERI is complete, what do we want to do? We might consider a plan to distribute hi-efficiency LED light bulbs. Also, we should tap into the Wheelabrator weather station.

Rich asked about recycling in the schools. Since there is a new superintendent of schools, we will raise this issue again.

We might also look into purchasing and distributing larger recycling bins. Carl suggested: that the twp do less mowing and allow some areas to become meadows; create a community garden; and plant mature trees in areas where they might be needed.

The Green Team idea has been shelved because it should be primarily manned by twp employees, which is not cost effective. Though the concept of a green team is a good one, it is not practical in our twp right now.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Becky will post Family Fun Day info on our FB site. Additionally, she will contact Johnson Mathey about helping us out. Solvay distributed reusable water bottles at a previous event. Perhaps they will donate some of these to us for distribution?

Grants: Nothing new.

Fun Day: Joe Rhyner is not able to lend us the watershed display this year. Becky, Carl and Rich will explore other things to exhibit at our table. Perhaps we can ask some student volunteers to do some animal or insect face painting. Eric told us the rain barrel from last year is being donated back to us for this year. The winner of the raffle lives in a condo, and has no use for the barrel.

Ed explained that we need to speak with the local industries which donated money to the commission to pay for the ERI. Since the twp paid for the ERI up front, we need to ask these industries if we can use their donations for other purposes.

Planning: The group discussed the Colonial Pipeline solar farm plans and the Atlantic Utility Trailer Sales, Inc. The planning board meets Tuesday evening, the 22nd. Reminder: Ed, Becky and Miriam may not participate in any discussion regarding the solar field because they live within the 200 foot perimeter of the property. The second application, the pole barn under discussion is being built on the existing footprint. There don't appear to be any issues with this location.

Ken said it would be a good idea to have a few people look at plans as they are submitted. Ken, Rich and Carl will look at plans and make suggestions.

Financial Report: No report.

Public Comment:

For the Good of the Order:

Carl reminded the group of an ANJEC webinar regarding the electric car boom. Rich asked about what happened at the gas station in Southwood. Ken told him the tanks have been removed. There was a hydrochloric acid spill on Rte 45. The emergency response team got right on the spill and cleaned it up.

Adjourn: At 8:55 Eric moved and Becky seconded a motion to adjourn.

Dates to Remember:

18 October

Meeting of the Environmental Commission, 7:00 p.m., Riverwinds

