



Environmental Commission

Minutes

21 October 2019

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

Alt:

Twp: Adam Reid

Guest: Chris Harding, environmental engineer at Navy Yard. And, Jacob Cobb and Kate Zavuholnik, WD High School

Public: Paul Ihleufeld, Marilyn Quinn

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Approved as presented.

Public: No comment

Old Business:

Liaison: Adam told us that soil remediation at Mateo clean-up site is being handled by EPA. Trees will be planted as screening in the area.

Ed reported that there is a PFNA water problem in Bellmawr. Service from one well was cut off.

Fun Day Wrap-up: Bring back Rich's Rocks, Dr. Dan, and the Butterfly Pavilion. See if Dr. Lacovaro might be available next year. Eric proposed we raffle another rain barrel next year. We will hold plans for a future discussion.

Chairperson's Report:

Ken reminded us we had a request from Tall Pines to renew our membership. Ed moved and Miriam seconded a motion to pay the \$100 dues for the year. Motion passed unanimously.

Joe Rhyner will not join us on the Commission, but Chris Harding may be interested in an alternate position. Perhaps Marilyn Quinn is interested in joining us as an alternate member.

The nature trail signs are on order.

Someone requested a walking program at Riverwinds. **Ken will ask the interested person to speak with us.**

Paul Ihleufeld will make a presentation on Climate Reality at Riverwinds on 21 November.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Becky introduced the two students from the high school. Kate and Jacob are interested in the environment and wish to be student representatives to our commission.

We are experiencing many hits on FaceBook!

We will invite Carolyn Wood, director of the WDFPL, to talk with us about the upcoming "Waterways Project".

Grants: No new information.

Planning Committee: Eric Agren notified the board of a pending Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment Public Notice for Separation and Recovery Systems (SRS) for a hearing in front of the GC Freeholders Board at 6 pm. on November 6, 2019 to permit inclusion as a Class D Verified Reclamation Facility. This matter was previously heard by the West Deptford Planning Board and West Deptford Environmental Commission (WDEC). The DEP requires increase notice of such public hearing for GC Plan Amendment and that is why WDEC is being notified. Eric explained Class D Materials under DEP Solid waste regulation are recycling petroleum products. The applicant's, the WD Planning Board Real Estate Associate, application is to add 148 parking spaces plus landscaping. Our concern is ground water recharge and compaction. There is a meeting regarding this request on 21 October.

Financial Report: **Ken will send it to us.** Trust has \$4000; twp account has about \$2800 – we haven't paid for nature trail signs yet.

Public Comment: Chris Harding asked if we had a charter. Yes, we do. We are an advisory board with a mission statement to educate and advocate.

Marilyn Quinn told us about a recycling app – "recycle coach" – that would aid us in knowing what and how to recycle in our area. Marilyn also asked about "single use" plastic bags. The commission has not yet addressed this issue.

For the Good of the Order:

Carl mentioned concerns about trucking in liquid natural gas to Gibbstown. We need to be aware of potential leaks, spills, explosions, etc. Gas is coming from Pennsylvania to be shipped to Europe.

Miriam asked if the HS representatives would look into what happens recycled "clean paper" in the schools.

Adjourn:

At 8:15 Ed moved and Eric seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dates to Remember:

16 December, Monday

EC meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Riverwinds