



Environmental Commission

Minutes

19 August 2019

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

Alt: Rich Rodack, Jodi Pervenis

Twp: Adam Reid

Public: Paul Ihleufeld

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Approved as presented.

Public: Paul is interested in what the WDEC is doing regarding sustainability. Rich suggested watching our Facebook page and attending WD Family Fun Day. Ed said that copies of our newly completed ERI is available in both the library and the township building.

Old Business:

Liaison: Adam told us that Maureen Concordia is resigning. We will need a new treasurer.

Both Ed and Rich shared information about the on-going Mateo clean-up project. Additionally, Rich reminded us that affected residents can find specific information on the EPA web site.

Adam will look into concerns regarding tree removal in the vicinity of the Mateo clean-up site.

Chairperson's Report:

Ken reported that there are spotted lantern flies here at Riverwinds. The affected area will be inspected and treated by the Department of Agriculture. Both Becky and Jodi talked about including humane means of destroying local infestations in the school curriculum. The tree of heaven is known to be attractive to the spotted lantern fly, and we know there are examples of this tree on the nature trail. Also, Becky will add the report about the infestation to our Facebook page.

Ken said that 301 Grove road is applying for a driveway permit. Also, Solvay wants a variance to widen the access drive to its plant.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Twp. produced flyers for Fun Day and the talent contest. Becky will duplicate and distribute. Our plan is to have Rich with rocks, Dr. Dan from Rowan University (1 to 3 p.m.) with a variety of specimens and the Butterfly Pavilion (3 to 5 p.m.) with insects and butterflies. Miriam made the application for a tent space.

Tree Identification: We are waiting for a price from the chosen company. Ken will speak with Barb Lamplugh when he has the needed information.

Planning Committee: Only general housekeeping issues on the agenda. Eric said there is a plan to put a culvert through a drainage ditch that crosses wetlands at the entrance to a local business.

Financial Report: No report.

Public Comment: Paul Ihleufeld remarked that there are lots of local happenings. He is interested in seeing the ERI and he has an interest in the spotted lantern fly infestation and remediation. He recently completed climate reality training.

For the Good of the Order:

Ken explained that we have an opening for a member of the EC. Carl moved and Miriam seconded a motion that we recommend Rich Rodack be moved from alternate to full patronservices@ticketphiladelphia.orgmember. Passed unanimously. There is an opening for an alternate; we will ask Joe Rhyner if he is interested in filling this slot. Carl told us his term is up at the end of the year and he wishes to step down. Becky asked if the twp. is doing anything to updates its website. Adam told us the twp is looking at firms to make changes to the web site. Carl reminded us about the lead contamination in some local soil. We should be alert to solving the problem, not kicking the issue down the road. Rich told us about the lead contamination in the water in Newark, NJ and spoke of the snakehead fish issue in our state. Ed shared the report in the SJ Times (9-18-19) about global warming issues in NJ.

Adjourn:

At 8:14 Ed moved and Becky seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dates to Remember:

21 September, WD Family Fun Day, 1 to 5 p.m., at Riverwinds
16 October, EC meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Riverwinds