

**NOTE: CHANGES TO BE MADE AFTER TONIGHTS MEETING**

WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING  
MAY 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Environmental Commission (EC) Vice Chairman, David Keller at 7:15 PM.

**Note:**

Sam Cianfarini attempted to contact the Twp. Clerk to see if anyone was at the Twp. building. Ernest Kraus was sworn in by Sam Cianfarini. Ernest still needs to sign some paper work.

**Public Statement**

There were no public statements

**Roll call**

David Keller, Ed Komczyk, Joe Nahas, and Ernest Kraus were in attendance.

**Approval of previous minutes**

The previous minutes were not approved because a quorum of commissioners that were present at the previous meeting were not present at this meeting (i.e., Ernest Kraus was not at the last meeting and so only three commissioners from the previous meeting were present).

**Old Business**

A. Citizen Recognition – Ed Komczyk gave an update on the Tom Zander proclamation. Ed plans to meet with Tom to gather content for the proclamation. Ed plans to have the proclamation content done by next weekend.

B. EC now on Planning Board distribution list. – Joe Nahas gave an update on the process by which the EC may interact with the Planning Board.

To paraphrase Joe,  
Sandy Rost (Zoning Officer) will send the chairman of the EC (only), a copy of all application materials that go to planning board. Any questions about the materials should go to Sandy and should come from a representative of the EC.

C. Forestry Grant – We discussed the forestry grant. Sam Cianfarini mentioned that it was a matching grant. It was stated that Dave Sileo was working on the grant but did

not submit the grant. Sam Cianfarini mentioned that there may be matching funds for future grants.

D. Composting – Sam Cianfarini gave an update on municipal waste handling. David Keller mentioned that the county landfill may not be legally allowed to accept grass clippings. This would be an issue when Wheelabrator (county trash incinerator) is diverting trash to the landfill when grass clippings are part of the waste stream.

E. Partnering with other groups – David Keller mentioned some potential partners and examples of partner types such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Local industries such as Solvay. Sam Cianfarini mentioned the Education Resource and Information Center (ERIC) and working with Erik Mollenhauer. Ed Komczyk mentioned the South Jersey Land and Water Trust and the Gloucester County Nature Club. David Keller is working on compiling a list of potential partners and contacts.

F. GIS Mapping and ERI – Michelle Hack made copies of the ERI for members of the EC. Ed Komczyk distributed these to members in attendance and will forward a copy to those members not in attendance. The EC is very appreciative of Michelle's assistance.

GIS mapping – nothing to report

ERI – Current ERI needs updating. ANJEC may be able to help with funding. It is estimated that it would take a contractor 1 year to complete an ERI for the EC.

David Keller motioned to move the ERI to committee. It was seconded by Ernest Kraus and was approved unanimously. A committee of Ed Komczyk, Ernest Kraus, and David Keller was formed.

G. Land Trust Relationship – Ed Komczyk mentioned that as we come up with projects that the South Jersey Land and Water Trust would be a good group to partner with. He mentioned that Mike Hogan is a naturalist and organizer that would be very helpful.

### **New Business**

A. June meeting at the WD Library with tour of collection before meeting – Ed Komczyk gave an update. Ed can't make June and so the tour has been rescheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Our EC meeting will be held at the library at 7 PM. The EC made a note to make sure this change was noted in the public record/posting of the meeting.

B. Future objectives/long and short term goals of the commission – the following were mentioned by the EC and Sam Cianfarini during a brainstorming session: 1) recommending a "Best Management Practices (BMP) for West Deptford's Municipal Waste Stream" to the township committee, 2) updating the ERI, 3) Signage for Riverwinds Nature Trail (Carl Anderson of Woodbury and Mike Hogan were mentioned as helpful sources and Sam Cianfarini mentioned seeking sponsors), 4) Monarch Butterfly Habitat Restoration, Strawberry Vale Restoration (Sam Cianfarini mentioned

the Twp. may need to close some parks), community gardens, convert WD Twp vehicles to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), and Educational Packet for BMP's of land maintained by Industry.

Individuals that mentioned projects that would be appropriate for the EC's Project Registry will prepare a few sentences on their project for submission to the EC's Project Registry.

C. Secretary interim solution – Need to make request to Sam Cianfarini by e-mail.

D. Adopt a park – Tabled for next meeting.

E. WD Land Use Map – Twp. planning engineer is working on tool for residents. Tool will be finished sometime this year.

F. Solvay ground remediation – Sam Cianfarini asked the EC to send a committee to Solvay to review the issue. David Keller and Ernest Kraus tentatively agreed to meet with Sam Cianfarini and Solvay on 5/31 at 6 PM. Other commissioners may also be in attendance.

G. Application for wetlands development “The Farm” – The commissioner's and Sam Cianfarini consulted a map and agreed that wetlands were near by and a bridge needs to be built that may destroy wetlands. A pipeline may also need to be moved. The commissioners agreed that more information was needed to assess the potential impacts of developing this property. In the absence of the Chair of the Commission, Joe Nahas will advise the Chair that the Commission has requested a copy of the approved application for review and that he should attempt to obtain it from the Zoning Office.

H. Website update – a brief discussion was had. The issue was tabled until the next meeting when Dave Sileo can give an update on this topic.