



## *Environmental Commission*

### **Minutes 19 October 2015**

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

Absent: Joe Rhyner, Jim Robinson

Call to order: Ed Komczyk called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Ken Miller moved and Becky Headley seconded the motion to accept the minutes as distributed.  
Approved unanimously.

Carl reminded us that Troy De Prince will attend our November meeting to speak about recycling in the twp. Denice let us know that there is a recycling fun fact on each month of the twp calendar.

The Mayor swore in new alternate, Maureen Concordia.

#### **Old Business:**

Meeting Place: our meetings are held, and will continue to be held, at Riverwinds.

ERI Update: Ed told us the contract with DVRPC is signed. Personnel is limited due to other contract work, so we will need to wait our turn. Ed will set up a meeting with reps from DVRPC as soon as possible. Denice reminded us that if there is a meeting of more than three of our members, it will be necessary to post the meeting in the newspaper. Perhaps we should ask three (3) people to be a sub-committee who can meet as needed. Ed, Ken and Eric will serve on the sub-committee. Ed will invite reps from DVRPC to attend our November meeting; if they can't make it, then we'll set the earliest date possible and ask them to meet with the sub-committee. Carl will keep Troy informed and make adjustments as necessary.

Water Quality Update: Denice informed us that there are sixteen (16) wells (plus 2) in the twp. that need to be addressed. We hope that the DEP will be on this issue by Dec or Jan.

**Chairperson's Report:** no report

#### **New Business:**

Ed told us Inversand is now in the hands of Rowan University. Additionally, he shared information regarding Wenonah's "Mad Hatter Tree Party" on 25 October 2015.

#### Budget Items:

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| \$4250 | ERI cost                   | (\$2500 in trust fund)                           |
| 450    | ANJEC dues/workshops       |  |
| 400    | banner(2)                  | Miriam will ask April Maska (historical society) |
| 300    | host ANJEC spring workshop |  |
| 250    | tent rental                |  |
| 500    | rain barrels/rain chimes   |  |
| 500    | commission shirts          |  |

We will request \$6500 from the twp. Miriam asked that we send the budget request to the twp admin. Regarding the next West Deptford Day – should we make rain barrels or, perhaps, do rain chimes? Ed suggested we raffle another decorated rain barrel and create rain chimes with booth visitors. Eric put forward the idea that we have some pre-drilled barrels, kits to complete them, and let the public take them home and paint the barrels themselves. Miriam asked if we can raffle rain barrels at both WD Day and Earth Day?

Financial Report: Ken will request plus/minus \$6000 for next year's budget.

#### For the Good of the Order:

Denice has created a twp. beautification committee to look at making West Deptford picturesque. We need flowers, a sign, storm drain clean up, mowing (or not), etc. The idea is to have a committee which forms a charter and a three (3) year plan. The committee will receive some money from the twp. and will also do some fundraising for larger projects. There was extensive conversation about the impending Beautification Committee. Carl talked about the local homeowners associations which appear to be anti-environmental. Could we plan a community garden as a part of this new committee?

Adjourn: at 8:35 Carl moved and Ken seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.