

**West Deptford Environmental Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**20 July 2015**

**Present:** Joe Rhyner, Ed Komczyk, Carl Ford, Ken Miller, Eric Agren, Miriam Reichenbach

**Guests:** Jim Robinson, Kathy Sherff

**Call to Order:** Joe Rhyner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Carl Ford moved and Ed Komczyk seconded the motion to accept the minutes with a correction in para 3 of new business. Approved unanimously.

Letters went to Solvay and COIM thanking them for their generous donations to the West Deptford Environmental Commission to be used for the completion of the ERI.

**Public Comment:** Kathy Sherff told us that she and Mike Hogan will have the water exhibit ready for WD Fun Day. Ken asked about the footprint of the exhibit. Eric told us the tent will be a 10' by 20' structure. We will distribute a flyer with a detachable raffle ticket (interest in a rain barrel). Ken will create the form. We need to ask Amy Boucher about adding a rain barrel blurb on the WD Day flyer.

**Old Business:**

ERI Update: Ed reminded us that the donations from Solvay and COIM will go in a trust fund but will be earmarked for ERI. Christine Greenwood, twp., says the necessary paperwork is awaiting state approval. There is no new information involving DVRPC.

Water Quality Issues: Ed asked about the newspaper article regarding Delaware River funding issues. Ed had a conversation with Committeeman Maher about the sewer pipe issue on Ogden Road. There is concern about the effluent from this pipe line. Joe says it is most likely a gravity, not a pressure, line, and therefore, there is no issue for concern. Joe will contact Jerry Maher and Ed Steck, the twp engineer, for an update.

West Deptford Day: Ken told us that it is difficult to get information from the state. He shared a newsletter from Wakeform Food Corp (Shoprite). Ken will contact the corporation and ask for about 100 copies of the newsletter for distribution.

Additionally, we will have handouts from NJ Water Savers. Ken will investigate whether or not Belia's can create a poster of water saving tips.

Miriam has been in touch with Amy Leso about the location of our tent. We should be next to the Library and Historical Society tents.

Denice has been in contact with DocuVault (collect people's documents that need shredding) about bringing in their truck and being located by our tent,

**President's Report:** Joe reported that he has two concerns about the "black start" permit. 1) placement of an underground tank (under the generator) at the electric generating plant. Ask about this at the 7/28 Planning Committee meeting and 2) the water control calculation may be inaccurate. The Atlantic City Electric permit is to do state-wide borings. It is very generic and will cause little disturbance to the wetlands.

Ed stated that we are very pleased to have Joe Rhyner on the commission. He does great work! Laymen can't read plans as an engineer can, and we need Joe's input and expertise. Joe suggested we all become familiar with the rules of the state. The information is available on the website NJDEP.GOV Joe will send the link to the commission members.

**New Business:** Jim Robinson will consider becoming an alternate member of the commission. Also we will ask Kathy Sherf and Gina Carolla if either is interested in being the other alternate. Perhaps Bill ?, from the CAP meetings, might be interested in the position. Joe will contact him.

**Financial Report:** Ken has no copy of the current financial statement. We have an allotment of \$4400, pay \$350 in dues to ANJEC, paid \$220 for the site plan reading workshop and received gifts of \$2500

which totals \$6330. We hope to get a “bigger piece of the pie” next year – from the twp budget. Ken has questions about how money is allocated

**For the Good of the Order:** Carl asked about recycling matters. Which numbers of plastics can be recycled? Should we ask Troy DePrince to come to a meeting and explain the process? Motion by Carl, seconded by Joe to invite Troy to the October meeting. Carl will ask Troy to meet with us.

Carl suggested we have a field trip to the trash-to-steam plant.

There are 60 acres of Riverwinds grounds being considered for development. Our environmental commission should work to develop this plan. We ought to work to ensure the plan for development is done correctly.

**Public Comment:** nothing

### **Adjourn**

Joe moved and Ed seconded that we adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.