



Environmental Commission

West Deptford Environmental Commission Minutes 27 August 2015

Present: Joe Rhyner, Ed Komczyk, Carl Ford, Ken Miller, Eric Agren, Miriam Reichenbach, Rebecca Hedley, Jim Mehaffey (for the mayor)

Alternate: Jim Robinson

Guests:

Mr. Mehaffey swore in new member Rebecca Hedley and alternate Jim Robinson

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

Secretary's Report: Carl Ford moved and Joe Rhyner seconded the motion to accept the minutes with a spelling correction. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

The sewer line break on Ogden Station Road is a gravity line; fixing it is not a major deal.

Minam will forward the link to NJDEP to Becky and Jim

Joe will email Bill Reduer (sp.?) about becoming an alternate.

ERI Update: Ed took the opportunity to update Rebecca on the status of our ERI. We are going with DVRPC to complete the ERI; the cost (\$10,500) will be spread over two (2) years; the twp. can now sign the contract with DVRPC. We should be prepared to meet with DVRPC regarding: scope and timetable; tour of the twp.; submit draft, make adjustments and present to public. We will need to notify the public of these meetings. Our contact person at DVRPC is Christopher Linn. Jim Mehaffey reported that the contract is on the twp. agenda for 8/19/15.

Water Quality Update: levels are within spec. Clement Dr. is still an issue. DEP wants to cap the wells and install twp. water.

President's Report: no report.

Old Business:

West Deptford Day: Ken is set to do a drawing for a rain barrel donated by the county. There will be giveaways from the DEP; ShopRite gave us handouts. Ken made a poster which he will get laminated. Eric will bring the actual rain barrel.

Minam will borrow an easel from Riverwinds for a sign. Also, she will contact Aimee Boucher about tables and chairs for the tent. Denice is unable to borrow horns, antlers, etc. from the zoo. Eric will contact Scotland Run for hands-on items. Carl will reach out to a contact. Becky will contact the Zanders.

New Business: there is a possible second alternate, Joe Redner, from the CAP group. If anyone else has suggestions, they should put forth the name(s). Ed asked about the role of the alternate. The alternate can participate in discussions, but cannot vote unless a member is absent.

Carl told us he has contacted Troy DePrince, twp. recycling, who will be happy to attend our November meeting and explain recycling in West Deptford.

Minam will bring up the application for the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award again in the spring. We should be looking for a group/business/corporation in the area that is doing environmentally friendly things.

Perhaps we can collect some nominees at the September meeting.

Joe reported that there will be site remediation work at the Eagle Point refinery; we should receive an application from them soon. Also, Joe will call the engineer regarding the Wenonah flood hazard zone project and ask for the site plan.

Ed noted that we now have a whole committee. He moved, and Ken seconded, a motion to make Joe Chairperson of the commission. Voted in by acclamation for the remainder of his term. Ed noted that we work

well, mesh well and are a great team. Joe nominated Ed as vice-chair; Ken seconded and Ed was acclaimed vice-chair for the remainder of his term.

Carl informed us that his wife is moving to CA temporarily to care for a new grandchild. Since Carl will be traveling back and forth to the west coast, he may miss a meeting or two.

Financial Report: Ken is experiencing difficulty in getting a return call from the new administrator. Jim Mahaffey will intervene.

For the Good of the Order: Ed updated the group about the Ulrich property on the edge of Woodbury. The Humane Society is deciding whether or not to accept the property.

The tour of the electric plant was informative. There was a question about the diesel tank beneath the generator.

The black start generator is modular; each piece can be removed and replaced.

Ken asked about letterhead for the commission. **William will speak with Kil and Kimco Graphics.**

Becky told us she is happy to be a part of the commission

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