



## *Environmental Commission*

### **Minutes 21 September 2015**

Present: Joe Rhyner, Ed Komczyk, Carl Ford, Ken Miller, Eric Agren, Rebecca Hedley, Denice DiCarlo and Miriam Reichenbach

Alternate: Jim Robinson

Guests: Maureen Concordia

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

Secretary's Report: Ken Miller moved and Joe Rhyner seconded the motion to accept the minutes as distributed.

Approved unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

Wrap Up West Deptford Family Fun Day: our booth did well. The volunteers from Scotland Run were a real bonus! Joe suggested we have more focused jobs for our commission members next year, as well as planning specific hours for people to work. No need for the whole group to spend the entire day. We liked the location, so we should request it again next year. We need a sign (banner) – perhaps two. Eric suggested we have lots to do for the younger kids as their attention spans are limited and they love hands-on activity. Denice reminded us that we need our mission statement, perhaps with the time and location of our meetings, on cards or on a sign. Perhaps we can have sections of our ERI for the public to examine. Eric will send the rain barrel pictures to Aimee Boucher. Ed pointed out that this is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year participating in this activity; we have to look at growth. Mike Hogan, SJL&WT, would like to come back next year. Joe believes we should have shirts with our commission name. Becky has a connection! Ken said it is time to start looking at activity for Earth Day (banner and shirts needed) Miriam reminded the group that we need to put our budget together, so be prepared to discuss it at the October meeting. Ken still has questions about the money in our line item on the twp. budget.

ERI Update: Ed told us the contract was awarded to the DVRPC, but the twp. administrator has not yet received a document from DVRPC for signing. Debbie Turner-Fox (twp. administrator) will stay in touch with Christopher Linn at DVRPC. Denice will stay on top of this. Once the ERI is underway, we will need to schedule meetings with the public and DVRPC. We will need community experts to assist us with this process (ex. Mike Hogan to help identify wetlands, vernal pools, etc.).

Water Quality Update: Joe talked with the engineer in Wenonah about their flood project. Since we are within 1 mile downstream of them, they needed to reach out to us. Denice told us that water testing continues within the twp.; no problems to report. She also informed the group that the private wells on Clement Dr. will be capped and the twp. will provide water to those residences. There are an additional 16 private wells, which if tested above approved levels, will be capped and twp. water will be piped in. There will be no cost to the homeowner bringing in the water lines. The mayor feels that the DEP may lower the contamination level from 20 to 10 parts per billion. Joe reported that the negative impact of PFOAs appears to be in cholesterol levels. Eric asked for an update on the sewer line repair on Ogden Station Road.

**President's Report:** we already covered the WD Day situation.

**New Business:** Ken will look into green town certification. Maureen Concordia, tonight's guest, is interested in the open alternate spot. Commission members introduced themselves to Maureen. We might look into making rain chains for an Earth Day project. Sunoco has filed an application to reuse steam. Take a look at the application.

Financial Report: Ken told us we have spent our whole budget for the year.

For the Good of the Order: Jim Robinson told us the planner for the Zoning Board wishes to meet with us in the future.

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