



Environmental Commission

Minutes 17 October 2016

Present: Ken Miller, Ed Komczyk, Carl Ford, Becky Headley, Maureen Concordia, Eric Agren, and Miriam Reichenbach
Alternates: Jim Robinson, Domenic Lanciano

Guests: Joe Rhyner, Denise DiCarlo

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Jim Robinson moved and Maureen 2nded a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Many thanks to Joe Rhyner for his comments regarding COIM plans for the "empty" trailer storage. Joe explained his concerns and reviewed the plans with us.

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed mentioned that Melissa Andrews and Chris Linn will present preliminary ERI to the CAP meeting. Also, they'll explain the role of the DVRPC to this group. Additionally, we need to send appropriate photos to Melissa for inclusion in the ERI. There was extensive discussion of what types of photos to include.

Water Quality Update: Denise had an informative and interesting update regarding water quality in West Deptford. The reported levels of chromium in our water fall well within the acceptable standards. Testing of local water is on-going. The twp is continuing to work with Solvay; good relations continue. There is still a plan to close private wells and replace them with twp water.

West Deptford Family Fun Day Wrap-Up: Great location and time of day! Lots of tents, tables and chairs available. We need another banner or two for next year. Twp is looking for something to fill the time between the end of the exhibits and the beginning of the fireworks. Perhaps incorporate the Italian Festival in our day? Jen Gilbert was the winner of the rain barrel; she'll be here to pick it up at the November meeting. Photo op!

Chairperson's Report: Application from Columbia Gas Transmission. Carl – are there any updates regarding lead contamination at Birchley Court? There are still several phases to go through there. The first home is completely remediated (or very close to it).

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Becky is doing a fine job updating our FB page as opportunities become possible. She will send out a FB request looking for appropriate photos for the ERI. We must be careful of both language and proper release forms.

Grant: Nothing new.

Financial Report: same as last month. We haven't submitted anything. Carl moved, and Ed seconded a motion that we use the money in our account to pay for the ERI. Passed.

Sustainable NJ: Denise talked about forming a Green Team – via ordinance. If you are interested in serving, please email Denise and let her know of your interest.

Planning: Eric informed us that Heritage's new store has been approved (corner of Paradise and Grove).

Public: Domenic talked with Christine Nolan about the Zander property on Ogden Road. Eric asked who will be the lead agent? Harry Zander has to take the first step. Appraisal of the property has to be updated.

There is a problem with feeding feral cats at the Pointe at Riverwinds.

Carl: we need a plan to encourage people to plant native species. We can work on this with the Beautification Committee. Green Team.

Adjourn: at 8:35 p.m. Ed moved to adjourn the meeting; Eric seconded.

Dates to Remember:

19 December

Meeting of the Environmental Commission, 7:00 p.m., Riverwinds

