



Environmental Commission

Minutes 21 November 2016

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

Guests: Nancy Miller

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

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

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed spoke with Melissa Andrews and gave an update on the ERI from the DEP – flora/fauna – threatened or endangered?

Water Quality Update: nothing

Chairperson's Report: 1. Ken asked whether or not we want to do a seedling give-away again this spring for Earth Day? Yes, we do. Do we want to coordinate, in some manner, with Grasso Girls' Farm? Eric will explore a relationship with Grasso's. Distribution would be on 15 April. 2. We talked about the Governor's Excellence Award – perhaps we could nominate Wheelabrator. If not Wheelabrator, then who? Bring suggestions to December meeting. 3. Ken will miss December meeting due to knee surgery.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Becky is still waiting for "release" form to use photos of people and/or properties. █

Grant: We should look into coordinating our grant applications with the Beautification Committee and the Green Team. After all, we are all competing for the same dollars.

Financial Report: nothing

Sustainable NJ: nothing.

Planning: Eric told us that the response to COIM was in print. Heritage's need for a buffer zone between The Grande and the store is on hold until next month.

Public: Nancy Miller, Beautification Committee, told us the twp. is sponsoring a photo contest for residents – the winners to be featured in the twp. calendar. So far, there is not much action. Can the Environmental Commission get involved and help generate interest? Commercial properties are not eligible; we need photos of people's yards, flowering trees/shrubs/etc. Properties that are featured in the calendar will receive a letter of recognition from the twp.!

For the Good of the Order:

Jim Robinson, as a newly elected twp. committee member, must be replaced on the environmental commission. █
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Carl reminded us that the twp. has formed a partnership with TREX(?) to collect film plastic. Every 500 pounds of collected plastic will produce one bench! Look for the recycle boxes around the twp. Carl also asked about a possible deer hunt in the Riverwinds Area. Some feel there are too many deer in the area. Are there twp. restrictions to organizing such a hunt?

Ed reminded us that Tall Pines Preserve is now a functioning entity. Should we consider an organization membership? Ken suggested that we check that we are not running afoul of twp. rules. █. Ed will ask Denice to have the twp. solicitor look into this.

The winner of the rain barrel did not attend the meeting to collect the prize.

Adjourn: At 7:55 Ed moved and Maureen seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dates to Remember:

16 January

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