



Environmental Commission

Minutes 18 April 2016

Present: Ed Komczyk, Ken Miller, Eric Agren, Carl Ford, Rebecca Headley, and Miriam Reichenbach

Alternate: Maureen Concordia

Guests: Domenic Lanciano

Call to Order: Ed Komczyk called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Ken moved and Eric seconded a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Approved unanimously. Ed explained that we need to swear in Maureen Concordia as a member of the commission. Additionally, Ed suggested we ask Ken Miller to become the Chairperson of the Environmental Commission. Miriam made the motion; Becky seconded it. Vote was six "yes" and one abstention.

Public Comment: Domenic Lanciano asked if we are seeking grants; Ken said we will discuss that later on the agenda.

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed explained to our guest what the ERI is and where we are on the project. Our next step is to hear from Chris or Melissa from the DVRPC.

Water Quality Update: we will wait for Denice.

Grant Applications: Eric and Maureen submitted a grant for \$1500 from the 2016 ANJEC Open-space Stewardship. Once we hear back, Maureen will begin to put a schedule together.

Ed asked Domenic to tell us a bit about his background. Mr. Lanciano has been involved with conservation issues for the past 20 years. He told us he was instrumental in preserving the Lodge property on Ogden Road.

Chairperson's Report: no report.

New Business:

Earth Day Wrap-up: Becky did a fabulous job! Next year we will make plans to group the seedlings differently. The seedlings were delivered to the township schools and will be planted during the week.

Perhaps we could publish our activities on the *SJ Times* web site.

Ken pointed out the township on-line calendar still has us meeting at the municipal building. Carl proposed we utilize West Deptford *Patch* to disperse our messages. Do we need a communications liaison? **Becky will create a FaceBook page**, after discussion with the mayor. We have no web site; maintaining a current, useful web site is a tremendous amount of work. Can we have a dedicated email account linked to the township web site?

The Beautification Committee is chaired by Rick Nichols and meets on the third Thursday of the month. We will attempt to have one or more of our commission members attend these meetings.

Carl shared the fact that San Francisco is the top recycling city in the country. 70% of items are recycled!

Planning Committee: no report

Financial Report: no report.

For the Good of the Order: Ed detailed a Town Hall meeting he and I attended in Woodbury Heights. Representative Norcross, Senator Sweeney and Freeholder Damming were present to make statements about their current projects and take questions from the audience.

Public Comment: Domenic commented that our commission needs volunteers and a budget. He has thoughts for how we might improve our conservation efforts, attract money to improve areas and attract birders. Also, Domenic might be interested in becoming an alternate on our commission.

Carl explained that he was unable to work with us distributing seedlings because he was burying his brother (biodegradable urn) on that day.

Adjourn: at 8:20 p.m. Ed moved and Eric seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dates to Remember:

20-21 May

20 June

Clean-up at the Point (Johnson Matthey)

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

