



## *Environmental Commission*

### **Minutes 19 September 2016**

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

**Guests:** Joe Rhyner, Marilyn Quinn

**Call to Order:** Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

**Public Comment:** Marilyn Quinn had a question about local water quality. Joe Rhyner suggested we save the concern until we reached the water quality update portion of the meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

**ERI Update:** Ed updated us on the progress of the ERI. He recently spoke with Melissa Andrews (DVRPC) who told him the maps are almost finished. The group is working on the water and hydrology portions of the report now. We had a note from Deborah Turner-Fox (twp. admin) regarding information about the LSI "dam". We are still looking for photos for use in the ERI; there are few usable photos in the twp. archives. Commission members should take photos wherever possible and send them on to Melissa. Perhaps we can furnish our trash/recycling trucks with cameras for a short time. They see everything in the twp.! In particular, we need pictures of the tot lots, industrial sites, ball fields, etc.

Mapping of Willow Woods area does not appear to be correct just yet.

**Water Quality Update:** No updates from the mayor. Joe shared information regarding the updated limits set for PFOAs – there are some disagreements between the levels set by the state and the DEP proposed levels.

**West Deptford Family Fun Day:** Hours are changed for this year; we will be in operation from 1 until 5 p.m. Neither Ken nor Becky will be able to attend. All activities are on the amphitheater side of the community center this year. We'll use pop-up tents lent by Eric, Joe and Jim. We will need to borrow tables. Perhaps from Riverwinds, if not then maybe the library. Miriam will make request of Greg Black at Riverwinds and Marie MacDonald at the library. Eric will take care of the rain barrel for the raffle. Becky will contact the Zanders and ask if we can borrow animal pelts again this year. There was a question about Solvay setting up as a vendor; they should make contact with Christine Greenwood in the twp. office.

**Chairperson's Report:** All information is covered under other topics on the agenda.

#### **New Business:**

**Communication with Residents:** FB page does not have enough space to post our mission statement. **Becky will look into possibilities.**

**Planning Committee:** Eric reported that Heritages wants to build a store at the intersection of Grove Road and Paradise Road. COIM has a proposed staging area for trailers. **Eric will ask about ascertaining that containers kept on trailers in the staging area are empty containers.** Joe Rhyner will look at the plans.

**Financial Report:** no change. \$4,400 allotment; roughly \$2,760 spent (allocated for ERI). Trust Fund of \$1500. What do we need to spend?

**Grant Applications/Sustainable NJ:** the mayor is working toward a "green team" and hopes to present a resolution to the twp. committee in early October. Deborah will attend a sustainable NJ program in November.

**Public:** Marilyn Quinn stated that she is impressed with the issues we raised and addressed.

**For the Good of the Order:** Ed commented that Domenic has a gorgeous, natural landscaped property in Margaux. Could we have pictures for the ERI?

Marilyn remarked that the homeowners' associations need to learn more about the Sustainable NJ project.

**Adjourn:** at 8:05 p.m. Ed moved to adjourn the meeting; Eric seconded.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

21 November

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

