



Environmental Commission

Minutes 23 January 2017

Present: Ken Miller, Ed Komczyk, Carl Ford, Becky Headley, Eric Agren, Adam Reid, and Miriam Reichenbach
Committeeman Adam Reid swore in Becky Headley as a continuing member of the commission; and Richard Rodack as the new alternate.

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Carl moved, and Ed seconded a motion to accept the December minutes as distributed.

Reorganization: Chair: Ken Miller; Vice Chair: Ed Komczyk; Secretary: Miriam Reichenbach; Treasurer: Maureen Concordia.

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed gave an update of our status, purpose and progress for our newest member. He also shared the latest update from Melissa Andrews. There is a good chance that there is no surface water analysis in WD because all our water is tidal. Debra is continuing to work on finding the location, purpose and status of the damned dam at the power plant.

Water Quality Update: Adam reported that the level of water testing is being upped – there will be testing for more potential contaminants in the drinking water. The twp is making plans to upgrade and paint the water tower just off route 295. They are also looking into an additional filtration system for our water supply.

Chairperson's Report: nothing at this time.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Becky posted the Trex boxes used for recycling clean plastic on our FB account. Apparently, this recycling effort is an enormous hit in the twp!

Grants: Ken contacted the mayor about several sources of grants. We need a twp coordination of Green Team, Beautification Committee and the Environmental Commission. If we are looking for money, grants, donations, etc., we need coordination and communication. There is an ANJEC grant coming up. Do we have a plan for requesting it? The DEP grant has to be requested by the twp, not the commission.

Sustainable NJ: The Green Team has been appointed by the mayor. Our commission asked if we can obtain a membership in Tall Pines; the solicitor says "yes." Ed moved, and Carl seconded a motion that we pay the \$100 membership fee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Recycling in Our Schools: This is an issue that needs the attention of a school board member. Adam will reach out to Troy DePrince, twp recycling, to look into this issue. Perhaps Nancy Barna, new school board member, might be interested in this concern.

Planning: Eric reported on the reorganization meeting.

Financial Report: nothing to report.

For the Good of the Order: Do we have plans for Earth Day? We need to speak with Deb about this issue. Rich is willing to review plans and surveys for us in the future. Carl reminded us that the Pinelands Commission is holding a hearing on 24 January to talk about the pipeline coming through the Pinelands. The meeting is being held in a school building in Browns Mills.

Public Comment: none

Adjourn: At 8:30 Ed moved and Carl seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dates to Remember:

27 February

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

