



Environmental Commission

Minutes 16 October 2017

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

Alt: Rich Rodack

Twp: Adam Reid

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Rain Barrel: Emily Gettings was the winner of the rain barrel which we raffled at WD Family Fun Day. Emily plans to use the barrel in her garden to water flowers and vegetables. Congratulations, Emily!

Secretary's Report: Carl moved, and Maureen seconded a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Accepted unanimously.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed informed the group that the ERI script is under review by several levels of DVRPC leadership. The history segment is condensed to the most salient points for the EC. There was discussion regarding how much or how little to include in a "brief history." Melissa indicated that our draft document would not be ready until 2018.

Water Quality Update: Adam had no update on water quality; however, he did report that hydrant flushing is taking place.

Chairperson's Report: No mail. Many thanks to Maureen and her daughter Gianna for the all the wonderful work with the enviroscape at WDFFD. Gianna was the star of the day! There was an article in the *Courier Post* re: Amazon in Burlington County – taking a "brown field" for company use. Is this a money-saver, or is there a major clean-up to come?

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Rain barrel went to new family.

Grants: Nothing new.

Fun Day: Ed told us that Chuck, from Solvay, was sorry he was unable to provide any giveaways. He'll give us something for another occasion. Both companies who made contributions to our commission to be used to pay for the ERI are amendable to our using the money for other options.

We need our own booth next year for WDFFD. Additionally, we need to get the pelts and the rocks to do a return visit! Carl moved that Becky keep the enviroscape at her school. The motion died for lack of a second. Ken moved, and Ed seconded a motion that Becky speak with the administration at her school about taking custody of the enviroscape. Motion passed. Eric moved, and Miriam seconded a motion that Adam and/or Miriam speak with the library about storing and lending out the model. Motion passed. Miriam will speak with Carolyn Wood, the new director of the library.

Next year's calendar is okay. And we discussed how we might spend our budget most effectively. Perhaps a non-point waterscape that dovetails with our current model? Also, we might buy/distribute LED lightbulbs at Earth Day. Rich asked if any of our parks needed nice, large trees? Additionally, we need to look at water fountain (water bottle refill) installations at Riverwinds.

Planning: Eric said that there is nothing pending. The EC sent a letter to the Planning Bd. Saying we have no concerns regarding the COIM plan. Rich had some info to share about the plans he is reviewing: retention basin and ground permeability; height of water table; size of pipes not specified; trees marked in plans were cut down for development. There is rather large sewer pipe running under existing building.

Financial Report: Maureen reported that we have spent \$2,188 of our allotted budget, with about \$2,211 remaining. The \$4,000 in the trust fund remains intact.

Public Comment:

For the Good of the Order:

Becky told us that the 6th grade students go to Mt. Mason each year (3 days; 3 nights). The cost of this trip continues to rise. Do we know of any grant possibilities? Are we able to use our trust money to fund such an expenditure? The committee suggested that the school principal ask local industries for donations.

Adam reported that 11 water refill fountains are on order for Riverwinds – most inside, but 2 outside.

Adjourn: At 9:15 Ed moved, and Becky seconded a motion to adjourn.

Dates to Remember:

18 December

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

