



Environmental Commission

Minutes 20 March 2017

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

Alternates: Domenic Lanciano and Rich Rodack

Twp. Liaison: Adam Reid

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Ed moved, and Maureen seconded a motion to accept the February minutes as amended to include Rich Rodack as present.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

ERI Update: We have an initial draft of the ERI. We expect members to read it carefully and make note of changes, additions, deletions, etc. The sub-committee will meet next week to go through the preliminary report. There was some discussion about the ability or non-ability to open the document. We all have it now. Melissa Andrews (DVRPC) was in touch with Mike Hogan (SJLWT) about using his photos. Melissa will contact the "experts" on the e flora/fauna list we gave her.

Water Quality Update: Adam had no report.

Chairperson's Report: Mail from GCUA regarding a treatment works approval notification.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: FB page is doing well. There are signs posted by the DEP warning people to stay away from the eagles' nest and surrounding area. We are working with the Beautification Committee to coordinate activities and volunteers. We spoke with Nancy Miller, via phone, to work out details for the Earth Day clean-up and seedling give-away. Tyler Rost will disseminate flyer to residents via twp. email blast. Rich asked about an "adopt a highway" project. The Beautification Committee is looking into this as a possibility. Carl stated that a number of Riverwinds residents have concerns about the planned development of the Riverwinds area. In particular, they are worried about increased traffic.

Grants: Nothing new.

Sustainable NJ/Green Team: Nothing now. Green Team may be meeting on the first Monday of the month.

Earth Day: Clean-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers will be asked to pick up specific areas and report back when completed. We expect to keep trash and recyclables separate for twp. pick-up. No seedlings will be distributed until 10:00 a.m. We have 2000 seedlings of 13 types for distribution this year. Twp. will provide trash/recycle bags, gloves and water. We hope that some of our volunteers will go to the library and pitch in there for a bit when they have completed their tasks at Riverwinds.

Planning: Nothing on the agenda. Waiting for the DEP commentary on the Riverwinds project.

Financial Report: Monthly report indicates that we have \$960 in the budget and \$1500 in the trust fund. We expect the new budget to be voted on 19 April 2017.

For the Good of the Order: Domenic mentioned the DEP signs warning people of the endangered species in the area, Thanks to Matt Moore and the Twp, for getting the signs placed so quickly. Domenic also expressed a concern about the person(s) feeding the stray cats at the Riverwinds cove. In our cleanup effort on Earth day, do we plan to "scoop-the-poop" left by animal walkers? There was some discussion about how we will preserve the seedling roots during distribution. Our questions regarding recycling in the schools made its way from school board member, to superintendent, to facilities manager, and right back to Becky Headley!

Public Comment: none

Adjourn: At 8:15 p.m. Ed moved and Maureen seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dates to Remember:

15 May

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

