



## *Environmental Commission*

### **Minutes 14 April 2017**

Present: Ken Miller, Ed Komczyk, Carl Ford, Eric Agren, Miriam Reichenbach.

Alternates: Domenic Lanciano

Guest: Brian Smith

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

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

Public Comment: None

#### **Old Business:**

ERI Update: Ed reported that Melissa Andrews has some updates to the existing portion of the document. She has reached out to our flora/fauna experts for additional information. She received all our comments on the current document, and plans to include Carl's concerns about homeowners' associations.

Ed moved, and Miriam seconded that the sub-committee look at the response from the Planning Board engineer regarding the draft ERI. Carl again expressed concerns about the numerous environmentally unfriendly rules. Melissa may respond to Carl's concerns in a sub-section of the ERI. It was noted, yet again, that the ERI is a neutral document, not a list of recommendations.

Water Quality Update: No report.

**Chairperson's Report:** No report.

#### **New Business:**

Communication with Residents: FB page is doing well. There have been numerous notifications about Earth Day activities on the township email blasts. Tyler Rost, the newest township PR person, is doing well in his position

Grants: Nothing new.

Coordination with Beautification Committee: Beautification is bringing people to our Earth Day clean-up and seedling give away. There is a concern that we may burn out our volunteers by asking the same people to show up for one activity after another. The Beautification Committee start-up project may have been too ambitious for such a new committee.

Earth Day: Carl moved and Domenic seconded a plan for Miriam to purchase two (2) West Deptford Environmental Commission stamps and green ink pads. Additionally, the motion included the provision to purchase two (2) new banners. Domenic will check a sporting goods shop at Exit 10 to check if they sell poles we might use to post our banners. Info about the seedlings and bags to transfer them are provided by the state. Miriam will contact the SJ Times to ask about his newspaper contacts

Planning: Discussed with the engineer's report.

Financial Report: \$607.34 in our account.

**For the Good of the Order:** Ed spoke about the eagles' nest at Riverwinds. There appears to be some disturbance of the protected area. There is an issue at Forest Creek with geese in a retention/detention pond. Carl will contact ANJEC for copies of the new environmental commissioner's report.

Public Comment: Brian Smith was happy to have attended the meeting and was pleased with the information he gleaned.

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

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

19 June

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