



Environmental Commission

Minutes 17 July 2017

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

Alt:

Twp: Adam Reid

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

Secretary's Report: Ed made, and Carl seconded, a motion to accept the amended May minutes. Approved unanimously. The June minutes were approved with the addition of a change regarding the existing Planning Board. Ed asked Adam if this was an okay modification; Adam was in accord. Carl moved and Ed seconded a motion to approve the modified minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Adam requested that we modify his previous report to read that "all test levels were within state standards. Maureen moved, and Carl seconded, the motion, which passed without further comment. Carl moved, and Ed seconded, a motion to approve the amended minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed stated that our progress on the ERI is on track and Melissa Andrews is pleased with the reports from our "experts" and where we stand right now. All Melissa's reports are available to us on-line for examination and input. It appears we are close to the end of this project!

Water Quality Update: Adam explained that NJ American Water is tested at both their site and our connection points. Ken asked a question regarding conservation: can the twp test for water leaks throughout the twp, rather than wait to find a leak like the one on Kings Hwy between the golf course and SJ Radiology? This is a leak of potable, not storm water; but, no, someone must report a leak. The twp could possibly go to a radio based monitoring system using cell towers, or a trash truck monitoring system.

Chairperson's Report: If and when the gas station in Southwood reopens, it will meet state codes. All the tanks are out of the ground. There will be an update regarding the Green Team at our next meeting.

The group discussed some possibilities of how to use the money in our "trust" account: 1) a weather station with data logger. If we go this direction, we should purchase the best equipment available. Information would be available to all twp residents via both an app and the twp web site; 2) can we purchase some additional (6) Commissioner's Handbooks? Moved by Ed, seconded by Miriam; motion to spend \$46 approved; 3) possibly install bubblers/fountains in the water basins at the library and "pond" by the indoor tennis courts at Riverwinds.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Becky will post Family Fun Day info on our FB site.

Grants: Nothing new.

Fun Day: We will ask Joe Rhyner if we can borrow the water display again. **Becky will ask Mr. Zander about borrowing animal pelts and she will contact the Cape May Zoo about borrowing artifacts and/or experts.** Carl will look into bringing in hawk(s) from a rehab center. Ask Matt Moore about layout of exhibitors. Can we have our same spot this year? **Miriam will ask Greg Black about borrowing tables and chairs for our tent area.**

Planning: Eric said there is nothing crucial on the agenda, but there are some general resolutions for consideration. Ken stated that there is a significant "recharge" issue at the new e-commerce warehouse site. Adam will consult with the planning board engineer about how much recharge is going back into the ground. There ensued a discussion about the relationship between the Planning Board and the Environmental Commission.

Ed told us that we had a letter from Colonial Pipeline regarding the delineation of wetlands. Stan Carpenter, Colonial, responded that perhaps a solar farm will go on that piece of ground.

Financial Report: Maureen reported that our current balance is \$3452. There is \$4000 in the trust fund.

For the Good of the Order:

Adjourn: At 9:20 Miriam moved, and Maureen seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dates to Remember:

21 August

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

