



## *Environmental Commission*

### **Minutes 19 November 2018**

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

Alt: Rich Rodack

Twp: Adam Reid

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

Secretary's Report: Approved as presented.

#### Public Comment:

#### **Old Business:**

ERI Update: the first public presentation of the completed ERI will be at the next Mantua Grove CAP meeting. Please do your best to attend. Melissa Andrews and Chris Linn (from DVRPC) will be there to make the presentation. Ed urged our commission members to become CAP members. The 1<sup>st</sup> presentation of the ERI to the township will occur on 16 January. Commission members, please try to attend!

Additional printed copies of the ERI cost \$25 each. Therefore, based on the approved dollar amount for additional copies, we will get 30 additional copies, not the 40 we hoped for. Do we want wall maps? Ken suggested we ask for one copy of each. We can always request more in the future. **Ken or Ed will ask Melissa about the physical size of the wall maps.**

Rich Rodack asked about how and when we would complete payment for the ERI.

Water Quality: Adam reported that all hydrants should soon be tagged and the township will be in compliance with the law.

**Chairperson's Report:** No mail. Many thanks to Adam for his work with TNR (trap, neuter, release) of cats at the Point. Additionally, Adam addressed concerns from a citizen who wants signage regarding feeding the cats at the Point. Further concern from a community member revolves around aerating the pond close to the golf club building at Riverwinds. This citizen also wishes the twp to erect an observation deck at the pond for bird/water fowl watchers. Do we want to investigate aerating the pond? Carl reminded us that there is a twp controlled aerated pond in The Reserve at Riverwinds.

J. Ambrogi Foods is an environmentally "green" company working with Sustainable NJ. Ken, Ed and Miriam met with Denise Hopkins at Ambrogi to discuss a twp proclamation citing the company's good work. The company is seeking local recognition for their efforts.

Rich asked "what is sustainable NJ?" Ken answered that to be a participant in sustainable NJ, a township must be certified every year or two as "green" enough to qualify.

#### **New Business:**

Communication with Residents: Becky continues to respond to FB messages from residents. We are working on our Earth Day project – this is the last year of the seedling give-away. Ed asked if we have a web site. Eric reminded us that the twp is supposed to update its web site and give us space on the location. **Adam will inquire about the status of our web presence.** The twp doesn't believe we need a separate web site just for the commission. What would the site provide? Who would monitor the site?

Signs: Barb Lamplugh gave Adam a sample sign for the nature trail at Riverwinds. Adam forgot to bring the sign with him. Good news – Barb has found a potential new supplier! Lengthy discussion about appearance and content of signs.

Grants: No report.

Gloucester County: Ed reported that the Gloucester County Nature Club is updating its book of programs and locations of interest to local residents. Ed would like our commission to place an ad in the new book. After discussion about how and where we spend money, Carl moved that we purchase a \$100 ad; Ed seconded the motion. Motion carried that we donate \$100 to the Gloucester County Nature Club.

ANJEC: We will host the spring ANJEC meeting at Riverwinds on 16 March from 7:30 until 3:00 p.m.

Planning Committee: DeHart bussing wants to expand two existing buildings. They need a variance and they need to add signage. 301 Grove Rd. – DEP agreed that this pond is wetlands and that the wetlands delineation line needs to move. The Parklands West redevelopment plan is under court order. Phase 1 is under discussion for both look and construction (this is affordable housing). **Eric will get more details including the number of units.**

Financial Report: No report.

Public Comment: Nothing

#### **For the Good of the Order:**

Adjourn: At 8:30 Ed moved and Carl seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

21 January, Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Riverwinds

