



Environmental Commission

Minutes 17 December 2018

Present: Ken Miller, Ed Komczyk, 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 amended.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed distributed copies of the newly printed ERI to the members of the commission. We should think about sharing our document with commissions in surrounding areas. Adam asked us to think about how and to whom we give copies. The twp attorney is looking into how to distribute the ERI.

Colonial Pipeline (Stan Carpenter) would like to work with the commission – in both man-power and money. Ed asked Stan if Colonial would be willing to fund additional copies of the ERI? We would document that any donation was to be used for printing and distribution of the document. Stan was extremely impressed with the print copy of the ERI Ed showed him.

For the attorney – who owns the ERI documents? Who determines how they will be distributed? There was a long, involved discussion about who can have a copy of the ERI.

Water Quality: No update.

Chairperson's Report:

J. Ambrogi Foods is an environmentally "green" company which wants to be a good neighbor. Ambrogi is seeking a proclamation from WD twp recognizing their efforts. Ambrogi has already received acknowledgement by another small business organization. Ed told us that Ambrogi is interested in joining the Mantua Grove CAP. The CAP leadership wants to speak with people at Ambrogi. Motion by Ed, seconded by Carl that we recommend the twp recognize Ambrogi for their efforts to be green, sustainable, etc. Motion passed.

Precision Signs and Labels has no stock verbiage for tree identification (along the nature trail at Riverwinds). We might need to come up with our own wording. Signs cost \$20.35 each for 5 X 7 signs, with a set-up charge of \$35 – 50. Would we want to include the EC logo? Ed passed around the sign borrowed from the trail. We examined size, weight, apparent strength, etc. The sign was badly mutilated by vandals. If the proposed mountings don't work, we will have to go with a different system. Ed moved to spend up to \$600 on signs; Eric seconded. Motion passed. Carl and Rich will work on wording for the signs.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: FB page is getting attention.

Grants: No report.

ANJEC: We will host the spring ANJEC meeting at Riverwinds on 16 March from 7:30 until 3:00 p.m. On 16 January 2019 DVRPC will make a formal presentation of the ERI to the twp committee.

Eagles: Will the twp restrict access to the eagle nesting and roosting areas? Perhaps utilize blizzard fencing to keep the eagles safe. Miriam moved and Ed seconded a motion that we talk with twp to determine how best to accomplish this. Motion passed. Adam will talk with twp about who (commission or twp) is responsible for this project, and who will do the actual work. Adam will meet with Mr. Steck, the twp engineer for input.

Planning Committee: COIM wants to modify existing bldg. #5 – no change in footprint, just raise height of bldg. Meeting on 12/18/18.

Park West development: phase 1 & 2; 65 total units. Approve style of buildings.

Financial Report: No report. Plus or minus \$2812 in our account. \$5500 in trust fund.

Public Comment: Nothing

For the Good of the Order:

Ed reported on the Audubon Christmas bird count. Eric reported a large oil spill on rte 55 which is now under the jurisdiction of the DEP. Citgo at Southwood is finalizing its clean-up Carl told us about the best practices for environmental improvements and documents from NJ government related to good environmental practices. Ken asked Carl to make a brief outline of changing mowing practices.

Adjourn: At 8:27 Ed moved and Carl seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dates to Remember:

25 February, Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Riverwinds