



Environmental Commission

Minutes 19 March 2018

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

Alt: Rich Rodack

Twp: Adam Reid

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report: approved as amended.

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed thanked Ken and Eric for their work on the ERI. Also, he gave a nod of gratitude to Rich and Miriam for the extensive, intense work they put into the production of the ERI. DVRPC is still looking for payment – despite the fact that the document is not yet completed. Ed read several emails to the group in order to update them on our progress, and our areas of need. There was discussion of timelines and just what the publication process entailed.

Additionally, there was extensive discussion regarding buffer zones.

Water Quality Update: Adam reported that the pump on Kings Hwy at Kingswick is functioning properly.

Chairperson's Report: No mail. Light bulbs for Earth Day distribution will cost \$1.66 each. We will purchase 200 for about \$325. Each bundle of five (5) trees will include one (1) LED, non-dimmable 60 watt equivalent. Motion to purchase and distribute by Miriam. Seconded by Becky. Approved unanimously.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Earth Day info is on Facebook. Becky will make flyers for distribution. Ken requested that we not post pictures of trophy hunters (even when shaming them) on the Environmental Commission FB page. Earth Day activities, both at RiverWinds and the public library will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Grants: Nothing.

Earth Day: Tyler Rost will pick up seedlings on Friday, 13 April. He will also obtain planting directions and bags for distribution.

Planning Committee: Eric spoke of the warehouse expansion at 301 Grove Road. This item will be on the agenda for the Planning Board. Is there any answer on the recharge issue? Eric will inquire. Carl asked about the soil make-up. It is marl and sand. Some discussion regarding a pipe rack construction at Gulf Oil by Forest Creek. Apparently, Gulf didn't know they had to go through the twp Planning Board before construction.

Ed asked about the proposed extra lane for large trucks going to the entrance on Jessup Road. Eric indicated that this would come up at the April meeting. Also, Eric reported that Dobbs, the crane facility, wants to expand warehouses and office.

Financial Report: New budget not approved yet. We probably have the same budget as last year.

Public Comment: Nothing

For the Good of the Order:

There was some very general discussion about the use of recreational marijuana in NJ.

Adam shared that Domenic Lanciano told him about someone(s) feeding stray cats at The Point at RiverWinds. Can twp do anything about this? Adam will investigate at the twp level.

Maureen told us that the milkweed being offered by ANJEC was over! All the milkweed was gone.

Ed reminded members of the ANJEC workshop. Ed and Rich plan to attend. Also, Elba Lizardi, from Johnson Matthey, who is a scout troop leader, might like to bring her troop to one of our meetings.

Our RiverWinds bald eagles have an active nest. The male sits in one tree close to the community center quite frequently. Can Matt Moore tape off access to this tree?

Eric reported that the dirt/mud from the Amazon site is being cleaned up more thoroughly and frequently.

Rich asked if we could discuss signs for the trees on the nature trail at a future meeting.

Adjourn: At 8:46 Ed moved, and Rich seconded a motion to adjourn.

Dates to Remember: 21 April
21 May

Earth Day Activities at RiverWinds and WDFPL, 9 – 12
Meeting of the Environmental Commission, 7:00 p.m., RiverWinds