



Environmental Commission

Minutes 20 August 2018

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

Alt:

Twp: Adam Reid

Guest: Jodi Purvenas

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Approved as presented, with the corrections. (Joe Rhyner is not available for Fun Day; Rich Rodack attended the Planning Board meeting as well as the three people mentioned previously; the butterfly people charge \$806 dollars for four hours at Fun Day)

Public Comment: Jodi introduced herself as a local teacher interested in becoming a member of the EC.

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed told the group that the ERI is nearing completion! Many thanks to Adam for expediting a meeting of the central players. The LSRP is the only remaining outstanding issue and we expect that to be resolved very soon. Additionally, Ed has copies of the ANJEC ERI document for all the members of the Planning Board.

Water Quality Update: Adam shared that PFNA levels in wells 3 and 8 had spiked higher than usual. All the other wells tested at appropriate levels. Half of the water in WD comes from NJ American Water and is mixed with local water. Ken asked about the source of dioxin (environmental pollutants). Adam reported that an audit of local water and sewer systems indicate we are compliant with NJ state standards. Please see the attached addendum for specifics regarding the actual PFNA levels.

Chairperson's Report: Ken informed us that the twp. has the invoice for our membership in Tall Pines Preserve. Wheelabrator in Westville (waste to energy plant) works with middle school students on environmental projects and has a wildlife refuge and nature trail on its property. The company is working on restoring habitat for the Bobwhite quail population.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Becky continues to respond to FB messages from residents, and she will make flyers advertising Fun Day for distribution around the area. We hope that John DiCarlo will provide water bottles (Thanks, Johnson Matthey) as give-aways at Fun Day.

Nature Trail: 20 trees need signs. The Commission vote that we would number the trees, provide tree names, and a brief description. We will revisit this issue at the September meeting. Ed asked if we might get the sign posts from the twp. Adam suggested we might like to add signs for mammals and birds that are common to this area.

Grants: No report.

WD Family Fun Day: Saturday, 9-22-18; 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Eric will get us a rain barrel to raffle and he will provide the QR code for people to scan (our FB page). Miriam will talk to Matt Moore about the cost of a big pumpkin of which kids can guess the weight. Closest guess wins the pumpkin. Becky will borrow animal pelts from Zanders.

Planning Committee: Eric reported that ground water monitoring/treatment at Solvay is under the jurisdiction of DEP. Is this water going back into the creek? Bostick is asking for an amendment to its application.

Financial Report: Maureen reported that we have \$2812 in our account. We also have \$4000 in the special fund.

Public Comment: Nothing

For the Good of the Order:

Ken mentioned the Chanel 3 report on the robotic Amazon facility. Expected to hire 2,000 employees. Ed mentioned that he attended the Wheelabrator quail project event on 28 July. Wheelabrator also has a butterfly garden. Red Bank Battlefield has a butterfly exhibit. Adam updated the TNR (trap, neuter, release) news. The program requires feed stations for the cats after they are returned to the area of capture. The twp. cannot condone feeding these animals; ordinance opposed to feeding wild animals on public property. The woman organizing the TNR says she can't run the program if twp doesn't promise to feed the released cats.

Adjourn: At 8:50 Ed moved and Becky seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dates to Remember:

22 September	WD Family Fun Day	1 to 6 p.m.
15 October	EC meeting at Riverwinds	7 p.m.

All wells were sampled on June 26th for PFNAs and 1,4 Dioxane and results were received on July 24th.

There were no significant changes from the February 6th sampling event. Well #3 still has levels of PFNA's (29.7ppt) above NJDEP guidelines (10ppt) and proposed (13ppt) guidelines to go into effect this year. Also, well #3 has 1,4 Dioxane levels of 0.55 ppt which is above guidelines of 0.40ppt.

Well #8 had PFNA's levels of 9.53ppt. For the past six quarters results have been below 10ppt and the last eight quarters have been below 13ppt. Well #8 results for 1,4 Dioxide was down from last quarter at 0.33ppt, but still below NJDEP guidelines of 0.40ppt.



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All other wells had results for PFNA's and 1,4 Dioxane well below NJDEP standards.