



## *Environmental Commission*

### **Minutes 17 September 2018**

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

Alt:

Twp: Adam Reid

Guest: Dawn Rowley, Kim Wiekell

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Approved as presented, with the requested corrections.

Adam Reid swore in Jodi Purvenas as the new alternate.

Public Comment: there was lengthy discussion about the TNR (trap, neuter, release) program for cats at The Point at Riverwinds. Adam detailed his conversations with Dawn and the conclusions they reached. Kim spoke of the traps, neuterings, and releases she has undertaken for years – on her own. After much discussion, and many questions, the Commission was satisfied, for the time being.

#### **Old Business:**

ERI Update: Ed told the group that the ERI is close to printing. Questions regarding contaminated sites have been dealt with. We are waiting for a final review by the exec. director of DVRPC. Adam told us of the water main break on Mantua Grove Road. Ed shared that NJ is first state in the nation to set standards for PFNAs.

Chairperson's Report: Ken told us there was no mail. However, there is activity on Queen Street relating to pulling a leaky oil tank out of private property. Supposedly, the leak was contained. Ken is in touch with someone at DEP.

#### **New Business:**

Communication with Residents: Becky continues to respond to FB messages from residents. She heard from Theresa Brown, a resident who would like to become involved, but can't attend Monday meetings. Becky will invite her to come to WD Family Fun Day. Ken is awaiting a response from Lark Label about making signs for the identified trees on the Nature Trail. Toni Sapio sent a link to the information she collected about the IDed trees; unfortunately, we were not all able to open the link. Ken will look into this and check the hot links in Toni's list. Carl asked if the signs we are looking at are vandal-proof? Yes, as much as possible. Signs are epoxied to the posts and then further held in place with screws.

Grants: No report.

Planning Committee: Eric reported that ground water monitoring/treatment at Solvay does not yet have DEP approval. The property in question was previously owned by T. Zander. There is no planning board meeting in September.

Financial Report: Maureen reported that we have \$2812 in our account. We also have \$5500 in the special fund.

Public Comment: Nothing

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

Ed informed the members of the Navy in the Civil War Symposium on the Battleship NJ on 20 October. Carl mentioned a notice from Rutgers regarding "planning and implementing a green infrastructure" workshop offered on 9/19 and 10/17. Carl questioned whether he should be reappointed in January. He thought perhaps he should become an alternate and let one of the current alternates have his spot. The commission members expressed the need for Carl's knowledge.

Adjourn: At 8:40 Ed moved and Eric seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

19 November, Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Riverwinds

17 December, Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Riverwinds