



Environmental Commission

Minutes 28 January 2019

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

Alt: Rich Rodack, Jodi Purvenas

Twp: Adam Reid

Guest: Stan Carpenter, Colonial Pipeline

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Approved as presented.

Reorganization: Ed Komczyk and Maureen Concordia were sworn in for terms to end in 2021. Rich Rodack and Jodi Purvenas were sworn in as alternates with terms to end in 2019. The 2019 officers of the commission are: Ken Miller, chair; Ed Komczyk, vice chair; Miriam Reichenbach, secretary; and Maureen Concordia, treasurer.

Public Comment: Ed introduced Stan Carpenter, the environmental manager for the northeast section of Colonial Pipeline. Stan was on the environmental commission in Pitman for several years. Colonial Pipeline presented the environmental commission with a check for \$1500 for the printing and distribution of additional copies of the WD Environmental Resources Inventory. We are most grateful for the Colonial's community partnership. **Miriam will send a letter of thanks to Stan and Colonial Pipeline.** Stan has used ERIs from other communities in his various jobs. He expects to use ours in the future.

Stan shared with the commission that there is a remediation project going on on Hillside Road. There was a weld flaw which caused product to leak into the ground. The company is using a closed loop system (pump and treat) to remediate the situation.

Old Business:

ERI Update: Ed explained that Colonial Pipeline stepped up and purchased copies of the ERI for distribution. Ed moved and Miriam seconded a motion that we utilize Colonial Pipeline's contribution to buy an additional 30 copies of the ERI. Motion passed

Water Quality: Adam reported that Melissa Andrews (DVRPC) did a wonderful presentation of the WD ERI for the twp committee.

Nothing new on water quality tonight. We need the wording for the signs on the nature trail. **Rich and Carl are working on the signs.** The twp position on the bald eagle nesting area is that we should just leave it as is. Becky asked about the strong odor of chlorine in the water – particularly the cold water. Rich suggested we get more information from the DEP.

Chairperson's Report:

Ken received notice from PSE&G that the company has applied to DEP for permission to use pesticides in certain areas. J. Ambrogi Foods will receive a commendation from the twp when the major player in the green operation returns from leave. Ken moved and Ed seconded a motion that we renew our ANJEC membership. Motion passed. Sustainable SJ, will meet on 20 February, 6 – 9 p.m. We (West Deptford) are hosting a meeting of Sustainable NJ here at Riverwinds.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: ERI info is on FB. Becky is working on our website.

Tree Identification: We need signs/wording for the selected trees on the nature trail. Eric provided a sample of wording for a black walnut tree. The group appeared to like the wording.

Grants: No report.

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

Eagles: see Adam's report.

Planning Committee: General housekeeping and reorganization.

Financial Report: \$1962 in line item account. \$3000 in special account.

Public Comment: Nothing

For the Good of the Order:

Carl would like to recommend to the twp that they alter their mowing practices. **He will offer a recommendation at our February meeting.**

To Ken – thanks for the good job on the annual report.

Rich asked if Solvay and COIM received copies of the new ERI? Yes, they did.

Adjourn: At 8:38 Ed moved and Becky seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dates to Remember: 18 March, Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Riverwinds