



## *Environmental Commission*

### **Minutes 18 March 2019**

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

Alt: Rich Rodack, Jodi Purvenis

Twp: Adam Reid

Public: Patrick McDevitt, Sustainable Monroe; guest speaker

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

Secretary's Report: Approved as amended.

Public: Mr. McDevitt urged the WDEC to become more involved and become certified, not just registered with the sustainable movement. There is grant money available for groups who qualify by keeping track of, and reporting, qualifying events. There were questions and discussions about requirements, use of municipal employees, etc. Mr. McDevitt had many suggestions.

#### **Old Business:**

ERI Update: Ed reported that the last 15 copies of the ERI arrived from DVRP (paid for by Colonial Pipeline). ANJEC has a hard copy of the completed ERI. Ed will keep a list of who receives copies of the document.

Melissa Andrews (DVRPC) is unable to join us at the ANJEC meeting (at Riverwinds) but thanked us for the invitation.

J. Ambrogi Foods will be the subject of a twp proclamation on 27 March acknowledging the company's efforts to be green and sustainable.

Water Quality: Adam had nothing new to report. The drained pool water from riverwinds goes into the sewer system.

#### **Chairperson's Report:**

No new mail. Ken has scheduled a meeting with Latiya to finalize plans for our earth day seedling distribution. Ed moved and Carl seconded a motion that we pay for the seedlings – distribution at Riverwinds from 9 to noon on 20 April. Motion passed. Becky will advertise on Facebook and get signs out to local businesses.

Do we want to ask DEP to install an eagle camera at Riverwinds? Frequently, it is the maintenance of the camera that becomes an issue. We will get information from the Doris Duke Preserve about handling this.

Miriam moved and Ed seconded that we purchase 200 LED lightbulbs – up to the cost of \$600 -- to distribute on earth day. Motion passed.

#### **New Business:**

Communication with Residents: Becky revamped the earth day poster before distributing it in the community.

Tree Identification: Eric told us that the wording for the signs should be ready within the week.

Grants: Nothing now, but perhaps in the future if we become involved with the sustainable NJ project.

ANJEC: Stormwater workshop. Rich sent a link which offers training for those involved in site development within the twp. DEP requires that certain people complete the training.

Earth Day: trees and LED bulbs for distribution.

Planning Committee: Next meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The proposed storage facility is not on the agenda. Put our comments regarding Park West and the storage facility on WDEC letterhead, sign and send to Planning Board. Carl moved and Ed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Report: \$3750 in the trust fund. \$4400 proposed in the new budget.

Public Comment: Nothing

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

Adjourn: Ed thanked Rich for his work and expertise. Also, we are grateful to Greg Black, Dave, and the other staff at Riverwinds for the assistance they provide when we need it. Ken thanked Ed and Miriam for setting up the ANJEC meeting. Ken was also thankful for the community members who attended the meeting.

Carl shared the ACCUA recycling guide which has changed in recent years. We should share it with Public Works.

Adam told us the proposed mowing resolution is being examined.

At 8:37 Ed moved and Ken seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

20 April, Earth Day activities at Riverwinds

27 April, Earth Day activities at the library

20 May, Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Riverwinds