



Environmental Commission

Minutes

17 June 2019

Present: Ken Miller, Ed Komczyk, Eric Agren, Becky Headley and Miriam Reichenbach

Alt: Rich Rodack and Jodi Purvenis

Twp: Adam Reid

Public: Marilyn Quinn

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Approved as presented.

Public: nothing

Old Business:

Liaison: Adam reported that Bill Gigliotti purchased wildflower seed. Adam will stay in touch with Bill about the planting project. Ed shared info from ANJEC about the presence of plastic in bottled water. Rich stated that our water meets or exceeds NJ standards.

Chairperson's Report:

Ken reported that we received notification from Atlantic City Electric about maintaining right-of-way areas. Ed shared that Dave Keller, a former EC member and local scientist, asked about grants we might apply for. As he receives grant info through his work he will pass it along to our commission. Perhaps the twp. engineer could assist us in this area.

ANJEC reports on numerous open-space grant recipients. There are many grants for pollinators, rain gardens, meadows, etc. what we need is someone with grant writing expertise.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: FB page is getting lots of "likes". Becky contacted both the principal and head of the science department about identifying two (2) high school students who might be interested in sitting in on our EC meetings. We will move on this in September.

Tree Identification: Final edits will go to the writers ASAP.

Planning Committee: Eric reported on the Archer/Groveland Urban Renewal, LLC application for changes to the number of apartments, parking spaces, a change in walkways, etc. What is the environmental impact of more cars than parking spaces? This is all preliminary stage work. Ken had questions about parking areas and the number of allotted spaces.

Financial Report: See printed report.

Public Comment: Marilyn Quinn thanked the commission for our work. The local HOA is causing some difficulties about the amount of clover in her lawn.

For the Good of the Order:

Eric reminded us that WD Family Fun Day is 21 September 2019. Should we contact Dr. Lacovara and ask if he is available to come with artifacts and live animals? Eric will reach out to Dr. Lacovara.

Miriam asked about the possibility of planting daffodil bulbs along Riverwinds river-side walkway. This could be a fall activity involving both middle school and elementary school youngsters. We could purchase the bulbs through Bob Waller. Miriam will contact Bob about both purchase and best time to plant bulbs.

Rich asked if the twp. should include the results of PFOA and other testing in the quarterly water report.

Ed gave an update on the Colonial Pipeline wildflower project. He got an in-person update regarding pollinators and milkweed on the site. Additionally, he told us the ANJEC book pictures the annual meeting hosted by the West Deptford Environmental Commission at Riverwinds on its cover. Ed also mentioned that there should not be a "no right on red" at the intersection of Riverwinds drive and Grove Road.

Adjourn:

At 8:21 Ed moved and Eric seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dates to Remember:

15 July, Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Riverwinds