



Environmental Commission

Minutes

15 July 2019

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

Alt:

Twp: Adam Reid

Public:

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

Secretary's Report: Approved as modified.

Public: nothing

Old Business:

Planting daffodils in the fall. See the email from Bob Waller. Carl has a planting bar we may borrow for the daffodil project.

Liaison: No report.

Chairperson's Report:

Ken reported that we did not receive any mail. Additionally, he requested that official communications from the Environmental Commission be signed by the chairperson.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Becky spoke with high school science teachers about identifying two students from environmental science class to attend our monthly meetings.

Tree Identification: Carl said the sign wording looks wonderful. He asked if the commission has sufficient funds to pay for the signs.

Yes, we do! **Miriam will send a letter to the gardeners at the county office thanking them for their fine work. Ken will speak with Barb Lamplugh about getting a quote for the price of the signs and will bring the quote back to the commission for a vote.** Carl asked how we plan to erect the signs. Ken said we will determine that once we have the signs. Ed asked about attaching the signs to posts. Is the cost of mounting materials included in the price of the signs?

Ken asked for a motion to form a sub-committee (Ed and Rich) to attend meeting(s) regarding the Matteo clean-up project, look at information, and explain the material relating to environmental clean-up that comes from outside sources to this commission so we, the EC can disseminate information if needed. Ed made the motion, and Carl seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee: Eric reported there is no meeting scheduled for July. The Archer/Groveland project requested a variance to approve the site plan for parking spaces. Carl told us that the solar farm in National Park has no connection to West Deptford plans.

Financial Report: No report. Money in trust fund went from \$3,000 to \$4,000 due to a donation from Solvay.

Public Comment: nothing

For the Good of the Order:

Eric reminded us that WD Family Fun Day is 21 September 2019. Dr. Lacovaro is not available for this event, but perhaps we can ask him again in 2020. Dr. Dan Duran will be happy to bring some artifacts/animals to Fun day. **Ken will contact Dr. Dan.** Also, Ken moved, and Ed seconded a motion to earmark up to \$1000 to have the Insectarium and Butterfly Museum return this year. Motion passed unanimously. **Miriam will get in touch with the Insectarium and make arrangements.**

Ed said we utilized the last of the Colonial Pipeline donation to purchase 15 more copies of the ERI. The DVRPC gave us an additional five copies because we were so patient. He also reminded the group that the Solvay donation could be used however the commission sees fit.

Adjourn:

At 7:58 Ed moved and Carl seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dates to Remember:

16 September, Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Riverwinds

21 September, WD Family Fun Day, 1 to 5 p.m., at Riverwinds