



Environmental Commission

Minutes

16 September 2019

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

Alt:

Twp: Adam Reid

Public: Paul Ihleufeld

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Approved as presented.

Public: Paul would like to make a presentation at the October meeting.

Old Business:

Liaison: Adam asked that we all be vigilant in looking for the spotted lantern fly and reporting any sightings. The tree removal by Mateo clean-up is in the hands of the EPA -- any further plans need EPA approval. **Adam will follow up with Sandy Rost.**

Chairperson's Report:

Ken welcomed Rick Rodack as a full, voting member of the commission. Additionally, he reported that Joe Rhyner is interested in serving as an alternate on the commission. We are still looking for a second alternate. Perhaps Marilyn Quinn is interested in serving as the second alternate?

Miriam distributed parking passes for family fun day.

Neither Ken nor Becky are available to attend family fun day.

Ken proposed we purchase 20 nature trail tree signs, with necessary hardware, shipping costs, etc. Carl moved and Ed seconded a motion that we allocate \$800 to purchase signs. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: Becky distributed posters advertising family fun day; and, she posted relevant information on our Facebook page. We received a message from students at Rowan who have an interest in environmental issues. Becky will forward this information to science teachers at the high school.

Grants: No new information.

Planning Committee: Eric reported that there is nothing on the agenda, and there is no work session in September.

Financial Report: No report.

Public Comment: Paul Ihleufeld is involved with climate reality and he is trained to do public presentations. We will put Paul on the agenda for our October meeting to do a 10-minute presentation.

For the Good of the Order:

Ed asked Paul if he planned to attend the family fun day. Paul responded that he expected to be there.

Miriam proposed that we allocate money each January to replace damaged or missing signs along the nature trail.

Adam asked if we wanted to wait to elect a new treasurer until all the places on the commission are filled?

Should we have a poster contest advertising the environmental commission/waterways project? We would need to make a connection with the library and the schools.

Ed reminded us that news publications, tv stations, etc., will have a big push on climate change/the environment for the next six weeks.

Adjourn:

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

Dates to Remember:

16 October, EC meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Riverwinds