



Environmental Commission
Minutes
27 January 2020

Present: Ken Miller, Ed Komczyk, Marilyn Quinn, Eric Agren, Rich Rodack and Miriam Reichenbach

Alt: Carl Ford

Twp: Adam Reid

Student Representative:

Public: Paul Ihleufeld

Guests: James Gross and Bobby Dylan from the WDFPL to talk about the Smithsonian Water / Ways project

Call to Order: Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Adam Reid swore in Marilyn Quinn as a member of the commission, and Carl Ford as an alternate to the commission

Reorganization: the following officers were duly elected by the commission for the 2020 year:

Ken Miller	Treasurer
Rich Rodack	Secretary
Vice-Chair	Ed Komczyk
Chairperson	Miriam Reichenbach.

Public: No comment

Guests: Bobby Dylan and James Gross explained the purpose and scope of the Water / Ways project coming to the library. They asked for volunteers to be trained as docents and talked about the connection between the project and the library web site. Ed asked if the library might be open on Sundays so more of the community could experience this exhibit. We also talked about the possibilities of school trips – not just West Deptford schools. We need handouts for schools, libraries, Riverwinds, town hall, etc. additionally, we need media coverage via TV, newspapers, FaceBook, etc. Ken asked if there is a syllabus for docents. Training will be offered several times.

Miriam will ask Becky Headley to create a connection between the library web site announcing the exhibit and our FaceBook page.

Copies of the ERI will be available for the public to look at in conjunction with the exhibit.

Old Business:

Liaison: Adam reminded us that we accomplished a great deal in the past year. The nature trail sign samples we have seen are wonderful; the seedling give-away is a great project; there will be wildflowers at the intersection of Jessup and Parkville Roads – with more locations to come; there is a water main project going on at Strawberry Vale. Carl asked if there is a stormwater management plan. Adam said “yes” there is.

Chairperson’s Report:

The nature trail signs are on order. The seedlings for Earth Day are ordered; the LED bulbs at \$.50 each will come from Weiss hardware. Ken moved and Rich seconded a motion to purchase 200 LED bulbs at cost for distribution at Earth Day. Motion passed. Our commission needs assistance from the twp committee to help us fill seats on the commission. Rich will contact the Superintendent of Schools for some potential members. Miriam will find out the date for WD Family Fun Day, and then Ken, Rich and/or Eric will contact Dr. Lacovara about participating in our exhibit.

New Business:

Communication with Residents: FB is doing well with new posts and responses.

Grants: Ken and Latiya are working together to get our seedlings and LED bulbs for Earth Day.

ANJEC: Ed moved and Ken seconded a motion to pay our \$200 dues to ANJEC for another year of membership. Motion passed. Ed relayed a thank you from Rich Dilks for our continued membership.

Recycling: We will ask Lee Ann De Hart to come to our February meeting to talk about recycling dos and don’ts.

Planning Committee: Reorganization is the only thing on the agenda for 1/28/2020.

Financial Report: Twp: \$1320 (projected); special fund: \$10904.65. Commission asked if these numbers are correct.

Public Comment:

For the Good of the Order:

Carl shared a photo of an owl on the cover of the “state of the pinelands” report. DEP is stepping up regs regarding storm water management. WD needs to become more aware/alert to contaminants in stormwater. Ed asked about when we would put up the new nature trail signs. This is a spring time job.

Rich thanked Ken for serving as our chairperson for several successful years. This sentiment was reiterated by all our commission members.

Adjourn:

At 8:45 Ed moved and Rich seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dates to Remember:

23 February, Monday
16 March, Monday

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