

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WTEC)
MINUTES – OCTOBER 18, 2018**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM. Sunshine Rule was announced and the flag was saluted.

Members: Craig Buffington, Pat Butenis, Terri & Dave Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Dennis LaMagna, Ed Paul, Salvatore Russomanno, Art Shaw

Honorary Member: Al Campbell

Liaison: Mary Sura

Green Team: Richard Casian

Roll Call: P. Butenis, D. Chiddenton, T. Chiddenton, C. Damiani, E. Paul

Excused: C. Buffington, A. Campbell, S. Russomanno, A. Shaw, R. Casian

Absent: D. LaMagna (who arrived after the meeting was adjourned), M. Sura

2. **Meeting open to the public:** None present.

3. **Reading and approval of minutes from the last meeting:** C. Damiani moved to approve the minutes and P. Butenis seconded. Minutes were approved.

4. **Clean Communities:** T. Chiddenton said that the Girl Scouts will do a clean-up in Whispering Pines in November. C. Damiani reported that the Atco Lions Club would participate in the Fall Clean-Up on October 20 and will soon adopt a road.

5. **Report from Township Liaison:** No report.

6. **Report from Planning Board Liaison:** C. Damiani and T. Chiddenton attended the meeting and reported that two applications were under consideration. One was for a pole barn on Jackson Road which was tabled until the November meeting. The other was for a permit to build a home on two acres in a commercial zoned area. There were also updates on the Forte property (asbestos

removal), the car wash, and the Atco Race Track. The Chair reported that the site plans for the Anderson Blvd. home had been forwarded to him by S. Russomanno, in accordance with the newly-established procedures for the WTEC's role in Planning Board applications, as approved by the Planning Board solicitor.

7. Old Business:

- NRI Update: C. Damiani and D. Chiddenton met with the new ARH engineer assigned to our study who reported that the draft was 85% done and would be completed by October 30. We are responsible for choosing a cover photo/design for the report. The completed NRI will be attached to the Township's Master Plan for future reference. In reviewing the copy of the draft passed around, it was noted that there was no mention of the mercury plume in S. Russomanno's neighborhood nor of the Owens-Corning plume and the Chair agreed these should be added, stressing the importance of a comprehensive, accurate NRI. E. Paul will review the SustainableJersey requirements for submission of the NRI for points before the November deadline.
- Fall Clean-Up: Everything is ready for the Fall Clean-Up this coming Saturday.
- Plastic Bag Education/Tote Bags: P. Butenis passed around a sample bag from 4imprint and a picture of what our bag will look like with the WTEC logo and Bring Your Own Bag slogan. Purchase of 500 bags and the design were approved and T. Chiddenton said she had a coupon to apply to the cost, and would take care of payment to 4imprint.
- Site Plan Review Sub-committee: As the Chair noted, the Planning Board is now passing site plans to S. Russomanno to pass to the WTEC. The following WTEC members volunteered to form the Site Plan Review Sub-Committee: E. Paul, S. Russomanno, D. Chiddenton, and C. Damiani.

8. Summary of Meetings & Events:

- Hammonton Green Day: T. Chiddenton said the rainy weather led to a low turnout. However, we will explore combining our participation in this event with other activities to qualify for an SJ action.

- NOTE: D. Chiddenton left the meeting to attend to an important phone call. C. Damiani took over as the acting Chair.

- Environmental Roundtable: C. Damiani attended Hammonton's Environmental Commission meeting and mentioned that Hammonton is working on achieving SJ's Gold Star level. Among other agenda items, they reviewed a site plan submitted by a beer company consolidating several locations. We were invited to also attend one of their Green Team's meetings. T. Chiddenton mentioned that A. Shaw offered to attend Monroe Township's Environmental Commission meeting in November.

- Tri-County/Health & Sustainability Committee, ANJEC Congress: T. Chiddenton reported that there is a YouTube video on how to make reusable bags from old tee shirts. Camden County is initiating a bike-share program, but on a long-term basis, as many children need bikes. Sustainable Cherry Hill has announced that, because of their size, they will soon become known as Sustainable South Jersey and will be offering their own grants to other sustainable townships. Also, some smaller townships said they are pulling out of the Sustainable Jersey program, claiming the requirements are getting harder to fulfill for smaller municipalities.

9. Comments from Membership: T. Chiddenton said that the Waterford Elementary School will likely hold a Health & Wellness fair in April, probably on Earth Day (April 22), and we will partner with them, as we had planned to do this year

10. Meeting open to the public: NA

11: Adjourn: Motion was made to adjourn by T. Chiddenton and seconded by P. Butenis.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM, at which time D. Chiddenton returned to the meeting.

Next proposed meeting date: Thursday, November 15 at 7:30PM