

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

May 15th, 2014 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:36 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

Members Present: Dave and Terri Chiddenton, Art Shaw, Eva Suriani Liaison: Rick Yeatman
Absent: Rich Beswick, Julia Levoch-Day, Sarah Harney, Sal Russomanno

2. Meeting Open to Public: Charlie Damiani stated that he will be submitting his letter to Town Committee to be approved as second alternate to the Environmental Commission

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by D. Chiddenton and seconded by T. Chiddenton to approve the minutes from the April 17th meeting. Minutes were approved with Art Shaw and Eva Suriani abstaining, due to their absence.

4. Clean Community Report: T. Chiddenton reported that the Town Clean-up, held on April 26th, was very successful. We had 104 participants and 9 commission members present. 5.71 tons of trash were collected, as well as 800 lbs. of recyclables. 61 pieces of electronics were delivered to Goodwill, which included 27 T.V.s. All participants received a "Thank-you" letter, and were also thanked at the May 14th township meeting. A special thanks was offered to Boy Scout Troop #159 for working several hours longer than requested in order to completely remove a construction dump site at the end of Condo Ave. We were also appreciative of the police escort provided to us on Jackson Rd. On another topic, Deborah Dixon of NJTransit contacted T. Chiddenton with inquiries of our clean-up supply needs and the possibility of providing a training course for the Presbyterian Youth Group, who has adopted the train station as their spot to keep litter-free.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: R. Yeatman stated that the township has appointed 2 summer helpers from the Clean Communities Grant to be permanent replacements for retirees at the Public Works Dept. The town engineer asked to review the scope of the Owens Corning well tests. Finally, a bond counsel may be employed to develop a bid proposal of \$300,000 - \$500,000 in order to remove sediment from, repair, and maintain the upkeep of the water tower and its' valves and pipes.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: No report due to the Planning Board's meeting cancelation.

7. Old Business: Cub Scout Troop #159 planted a dozen trees at the parking lot of the Marilyn Beard Trailhead on May 8th. The trees were supplied by the Arbor Day Foundation upon request by R. Beswick. The scouts were assisted by R. Beswick, D. Chiddenton, and their pack leader K. Buffington, and have received their Forestry Badge as a result of the plantings. Pictures of this event, as well as the Town Clean-up, can be viewed on our facebook page. Three bat houses were erected by R. Beswick and D. Chiddenton on May 5th along Atco Lake's tree line, as recommended by M. Hogan. The resolution for Sustainable Jersey has been passed by the Town Committee. Final certification must be completed by June 8th.

8. New Business: Each member will receive a copy of the Fishing Tournament flyer and a business donation letter in an e-mail. The members are requested to make 3 copies of each and visit 3 businesses in order to display the flyer and request a donation for a trophy or a prize. Members should then inform each other as to which businesses had been approached. Donation checks must be made out to "Twp. of Waterford," with "Fishing Derby 2014" written as a notation. D. Chiddenton will ask M. Mickelsavage if the banks along Atco Lake can be mowed before the event. A motion was made by A. Shaw and seconded by E. Suriani to provide all participating children with a small trophy to commemorate the day. The motion passed unanimously. S. Danson will be asked to contact a company for two "porta-pots."

9. Comments from Membership: We inquired if Atco Lake had been treated for lily pad elimination, as this is a slight concern for the tournament. R. Yeatman replied that he has heard no further talk on the subject. He, in turn, asked T. Chiddenton to speak to D. Bittner in regards to a PowerPoint presentation promised to us last year in return for payment of his class' trip on the Meerwald. He will also be broached on the subject of starting a "Community Garden" and an Environmental Club next year.

10. Meeting Open to Public: C. Damiani had nothing further to add.

11. A. Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by D. Chiddenton. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton

Next Meeting: June 19th at 7:30 P.M.