

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

June 19, 2014 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:31 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

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

2. Meeting Open to Public: A presentation was made by Eagle Scout candidate Justin Day on his bat house project. Justin plans to build 20 bat houses, and with the help of fellow scouts and scout leaders, will have them installed at township retention ponds by Oct. 11th. Justin brought an example bat house and a display board to clarify his plans.

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by E. Suriani and seconded by D. Chiddenton to approve the minutes from the May 15th meeting. Minutes were approved with three abstentions from R. Beswick, J. Levoch-Day and S. Russomanno , due to their absences.

4. Clean Communities Report: T. Chiddenton reported that the Presbyterian Youth Group completed a clean-up of the Atco Train Station on June 7th, whereas The Loudon Firehouse Volunteers removed litter from Jackson Rd. on June 8th. Both groups qualified for the next installment of their Clean Communities Adopt-a-Spot stipend. D. Bittner, a teacher from Waterford School, contacted her, stating that the school plans to have an Environmental Club next year, with an initial project of planting a "Community Garden." He also stated that he will have a power point presentation from last year's Meerwald trip to give to the commission soon.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: R. Yeatman congratulated the commission members for the success of the June 14th Fishing Tournament. He added that the Owens Corning monitoring wells are in place, and that now that he and the Township engineer have discussed where the project will go from this point. Finally, Mr. Yeatman announced that the League of Municipalities is allotting \$1,000 reimbursement for radon kits, which could be offered to our residents during the Waterford Days event in Sept. He will look further into this offer.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: D. Chiddenton stated that, once again, recent Planning Board meetings have been canceled due to a lack of applications.

7. Old Business: The commission members established that the televised township meeting on July 9th to be the appropriate time to present Fishing Tournament winners and sponsors with their certificates of recognition. We also agreed that next year's flyer should indicate that the tournament is free, and should be advertised on the back of next year's Spring Town Clean-up flyer. E. Suriani suggested that we notify local news publications and news stations for additional public coverage. D. Chiddenton and S. Harney will schedule a meeting with township personnel to verify information which will be added to our Sustainable Jersey list of accomplishments. The commission was advised that the addition of the new Clean Communities Grant money will increase the fund to \$28,931. R. Yeatman informed us that

three new summer temps. have been hired for \$4,700. The commission's quandary lies with the fact that temps. were paid throughout the winter. We have requested time sheets to see if these "winter temps." responsibilities were aligned with Clean Communities guidelines. We are concerned that the funds will be drained to the extent that we will not have money to pay for future Town Clean-ups, the Adopt-a-Spot program, and a future storm drain project which is sorely in need of being completed. R. Yeatman suggested that we put together a budget of future expenditures to ensure enough grant money is held to cover the costs. In regards to an ERI, R. Beswick agreed to ask DVRPC to make a presentation at one of our meetings, and possibly invite the Planning Board, Ed Toussaint, and the Town Committee to attend. In the meanwhile, D. Chiddenton offered to speak to Rich Jacoby and Tom Giangiulio on the subject.

8. New Business: We were very pleased to learn that Charlie Damiani has been approved by Township Committee to serve the commission as an alternate. D. Chiddenton made a motion to ask S. Danson to investigate prices for the rental of a catch basin cleaner to scour out the town's most congested storm drains. S. Russomanno seconded the motion. We have a list of 127 drains, whose grates were addressed last summer. Those drains, along with additional clean and identified drains this year, will then be stenciled by either scout, temp., or commission volunteers. As an update to the Owens Corning situation, R. Yeatman confirmed that he received a pin map of the 2012 - 2013 well survey and phase step-outs. According to a letter from Owens Corning, D. Chiddenton expanded on the fact that 67 wells were tested. Out of those 67 wells, 6 were found to be contaminated. The letter assures these residents that remediation is their primary goal. M. Hogan contacted T. Chiddenton in hopes of having a joint meeting with C. Walden (Camden County Director of Sustainability), R. Auermueller (Superintendent of Wharton State Forest), J. Sworaski (Director of the Camden County Division of Environmental Affairs), Jaclyn Rhoades and Al Horner (both from the Pinelands Preservation Alliance). This meeting would take place at our August 21st Environmental meeting for the purpose of discussing illegal dumping and ATV traffic in the Wharton Forest.

9. Comments from Membership: E. Suriani commented that we should receive more publicity from Hammonton High School whenever we have a clean-up event. Hammonton encourages community service, and our events could be announced through an e-mail "blast" by guidance counselors, who serve Waterford students, and during the morning news program. We discussed creating a list of discarded T.V.s, which would then be sent to our DPW for pick-up. We could also post the proper procedure for disposing T.V.s on our facebook page. We are still awaiting a correct e-waste amount from Goodwill for our Spring Town Clean-up. Finally, D. Chiddenton reported that we have successfully accomplished 8 of our 16 goals for the year.

10. Meeting Open to Public: Justin Day had nothing further to add.

11. R. Beswick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by S. Russomanno. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton

Next Meeting: July 17th at 7:30 P.M.