

# Waterford Township Environmental Commission

December 15, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:31 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced and the flag was saluted.

Members: Craig Buffington, Dave Chiddenton, Terri Chiddenton, Charles Damiani, Art Shaw, Ed Paul Liaison: Al Campbell

Green Team: Rich Casian, Dennis LaMagna

Excused: R. Beswick, S. Russomanno

2. Meeting open to the public: Jim Hayden from the Waterford Township School Environmental Club explained their "One Tree Matters" program. The Environmental Club is made up of second and third graders. They plan to plant a tree at each of the Waterford Schools. They would like to do it around Arbor Day. E. Paul suggested that they could show a video from the "Ready, Set, Go" program and D. Chiddenton invited the students to an Environmental meeting. He also offered to have somebody come and speak to the group.

3. Reading and approval of the minutes from the last meeting: A motion was made by A. Shaw and seconded by C. Damiani to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

4. Clean Communities Report: Nothing to report

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison Al Campbell: There have been discussions regarding the extension of the Camden County Trail and Bike Path through the county. It looks like the extension will be on the Winslow side of White Horse Pike. He said that Township was going to form a Committee to see if we can get them to cross the Pike into Waterford to take advantage of all the trails into the Wharton track. D. Chiddenton said that in September they had a meeting regarding Atco Lake improvements but has not heard anything since.

6. Report from the Planning Board Member Sal Russomanno: The Planning Board meeting wasn't until December 19<sup>th</sup>. Al Campbell stated that Dollar General will

start building, Township committee has approved the Hanes Blvd. Projects, and that the Safety Building will be starting soon.

#### 7.Old Business:

Winter on The Avenue: There was a good turn out, but less than last year and the Environmental Commission was well represented. We were able to distribute information regarding our programs.

Atco Lake cleanup: 30 plus volunteers collected 25 bags of trash. D. Chiddenton suggested that we should draft a letter with Township approval to everyone in the general vicinity regarding the trash problem. The letter should let them know that most of the items can be put out for pickup and that they should report anyone they see dumping illegally.

Twp. Map/Calendar: The commission should look at both the Map and Calendar as one of our goals for 2017. It was suggested that the calendars may work better because we can let people know what going on in the Township.

Sustainable Grant Update: Spent \$1996.96 of the Grant money. Returned \$ 3.04 to Sustainable Jersey.

Expiring Terms: C. Damiani and E. Paul have summited their letters. Green team member were invited to join us again. Anyone interested should submitted their letter to Susan Danson as soon as possible.

#### 8.New Business:

2017 Proposed Goal: Think about new goals for 2017. We achieved 15 of our 18 goals. Some of the goals that D. Chiddenton would like to see in 2017 are an ERI, an information packet for Township residents, a mail box for literature at the M. Beard trail, and recycling bins at local businesses.

2017 Proposed Budget: After looking at our past budget, we determined that we should ask for \$500.00. We have already asked for \$465.00 for our dues for ANJEC.

Retention Ponds: We have learned that the DPW has set up a rotating schedule to take care of the 34 plus retention ponds. The ponds are being handled by an outside landscaping company.

Trail Markings: T. Chiddenton sent D. Robbins an email regarding the marking of the trails and asked him if the markers that we had were still good. He said that the markers were good and didn't have a problem with us placing the markers, but we will need written confirmation. Once we get that the scouts will be ready to start.

9. Comments from the Membership: D. Chiddenton still concerned about the inaction regarding the race track. We received our pricing for the medallions for the storm drains. D. Chiddenton got a price of \$3.79 for the medallions from US Blue book, and we have decided that we can buy the adhesive locally. Dave asked that Joseph Casian, the Eagle Scout candidate, go before Township Committee to explain his project.

10. Meeting Open to the Public: No comments

11. Motion was made by D. Chiddenton and seconded by T. Chiddenton to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Next Meeting on January 19, 2017