

Waterford Township Environmental Commission (WTEC)

Minutes – July 20th, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. “Sunshine Rule” was announced and the flag was saluted.

Members: Dave Chiddenton, Charles Damiani, Dennis LaMagna, Salvatore Russomanno, Arthur Shaw, Terri Chiddenton, Craig Buffington, Ed Paul, Pat Butenis.

Liaison: Al Campbell

Green Team: Richard Casian

Roll Call: Dave Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Dennis LaMagna, Sal Russomanno, Terri Chiddenton, Pat Butenis, Art Shaw

Excused Members: Craig Buffington, Ed Paul, Al Campbell

2. Meeting Open to the Public: Linda Vorsa gave a PowerPoint presentation about the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly, and the importance of establishing “no-mow zones” in order to insure sufficient milkweed to feed the caterpillars of this species.

3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes from last Meeting: A motion was made by Charlie Damiani and seconded by Pat Butenis. (while Art Shaw sustained). Minutes were approved

4. Clean Communities Report (T. Chiddenton): No new clean-ups for the month were completed. A twp. generated littering spreadsheet was distributed among the members.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison (Campbell): no report

6. Report from Planning Board Member (Russomanno): The most recent meeting had been canceled. During the prior meeting, two properties had been given notice to remove abandoned vehicles, which have been stored on these properties for years. There was also a discussion of replacing township lighting with LED lights.

7. Old Business:

Map/Mailbox at Trailhead – Rich Casian announced that he had the mailbox ready, and it will be installed shortly.

Eagle Scout Project (part two) – Rich Casian explained that Joey will attend a twp. meeting after he presents his final project to the Eagle Scout Board. 290 medallions were successfully placed on storm drains after the drain surfaces were cleaned and located with GPS coordinates. The WTEC requested a copy of the locations.

Trail Marking Project – This project will begin in September.

May 6th Hazardous Waste/Shredding Totals – Over 27,470 pounds of hazardous waste were collected. More than 100 residents attended the free shredding event, providing 4.38 tons of shredding material.

8. New Business:

Mosquito identification - Sal needs to contact the Camden County Mosquito Commission. Terri mentioned that one solution is to place pieces of BTE pellets into standing water as a trap to eliminate mosquito larvae. These pellets could be given out at next year's Spring Fling for the Summer season.

Possible Fall Clean-up – October 14th was given as a possible date, with the addition of another free shredding event. Art Shaw wondered if these activities could be considered a "Green Event" to be credited towards a Sustainable action.

Sustainable Actions: Members are working on previously assigned actions as well as additional actions. Terri will submit an application so that the WTEC will be considered for a Sustainable Jersey "Outstanding Community Award."

9. Comments from the Membership: Pat met with our Township Administrator to discuss the "Support Local Businesses" Sustainable action. Other actions for consideration include "Make a Difference Volunteers," "Local Economic Development," and "Using Green Cleaning and Recycled Products".

10. Meeting open to the Public: None

12. Adjourn: Motion was made by Sal Russomanno and seconded by Charlie Damiani to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Next proposed meeting date Thursday, August 17th at 7:30 PM

[Minutes submitted by: T. Chiddenton]