

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

October 15th, 2015 Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:32 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced, flag was saluted.

Members Present: Rich Beswick, Craig Buffington, Terri Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Art Shaw
Liaison: Dave Chiddenton Excused: Julia Levoch-Day, Sal Russomanno Absent: Jon Becker

2. Meeting Open to Public: Ed Paul, who expressed his desire to join the commission, and Committeeman Rick Yeatman. Both men added to conversations throughout the meeting.

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by R. Beswick to approve the minutes from the Sept. 17th meeting. Minutes were approved with an abstention from C. Buffington, due to his absence.

4. Clean Community Report: T. Chiddenton reported that the American Legion contacted her for supplies, which they will use during their clean-up of Atlantic Ave. within the next few days. She also reminded the members that R. Beswick, D. Chiddenton, and she will attend the Sustainable Jersey Luncheon on Nov. 17th, which will honor Waterford Twp. as a Bronze Level Certified Community. The ANJEC Environmental Award, which she and D. Chiddenton accepted on Oct 9th, on behalf of the WTEC, was passed around for the members to view.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: D. Chiddenton mentioned that the registered brush pit on Columbia Ave. will be open on Saturdays from 8:00 – 12:00, and the workers manning the pit will be paid through the Clean Communities Grant. He will be meeting with Kelly Henry from Owens Corning, and other twp. officials, to discuss the one Waterford well spike, and the plans to remediate this finding. Lastly, the leaf machines have been prepared to begin collection on Oct. 26th.

6. Report from Planning Board Member: R. Beswick explained that one variance was approved to build a garage in a resident's side yard, another application was approved to build a house on a lot located on Atco Ave., and an accessory building was approved on the Old White Horse Pike. The Tuckahoe Turf Farm Soccer Project has finally been approved, now that language which includes Waterford Police, Fire, and EMS has been submitted. This project will provide 36 fields designated for annual soccer tournaments.

7. Old Business: T. Chiddenton surveyed the members as to who planned to attend the Fall Town Clean-up. She also asked the members to bring a list of suggested littered roads to assign to volunteers who did not have a preferred area to clean. She then questioned which members plan to attend Winter on the Ave., and if any member had access to a generator for lights and/or a heater. C. Buffington offered his generator, E. Paul offered his heater, and R. Yeatman offered Christmas lights to make our assigned area festive. It must be noted that most of the commission members, as well as R. Yeatman and E. Paul, volunteered to attend both events.

8. New Business: We discussed the requirement for candidates who intend to apply for open positions on the WTEC to submit a letter of intent to the commission members, as well as to the Town Committee and Township Clerk. E. Paul has already done so, but we have not received a letter from a candidate who

was recommended by C. Buffington. T. Chiddenton asked the members to review the planned and accomplished goals from our 2015 list, and to start thinking of a new goal list for 2016. She also noted that the Spring Town Clean-up date cannot be on April 23rd, as that is the date of the Tapper/Hicks Freedom 5K Run/Walk. R. Yeatman wondered if we could find legislation which would provide a consequence to persons/companies who cut large tracks of trees and vegetation, as was the case with the Atco Raceway. E. Paul questioned the possibility of the police using the dept.'s Hummer to entice our local youth to become involved with our environmental projects, much as the DARE program used a police vehicle for their anti-drug platform.

9. Comments from Membership: The WTEC members brainstorm periodically as to how we may involve the younger members of our township. T. Chiddenton checked with Dr. Blachford in Hammonton to confirm that Waterford students and parents can be notified of town clean-ups through a text blast. E. Paul explained that the incentives for assisting us with our projects would be credit on resumes for college applications and/or requisite community hours. We all agreed that "Jr. Commission Members" would be an excellent way to involve our younger residents, and that this, too, should be a 2016 goal.

10. Meeting Open to Public: R. Yeatman expressed his opinion that our twp. needs to pass a noise ordinance, esp. as it would apply to the Atco Raceway. The ordinance we have at this time delineates the hours loud noises are permitted, but not the decibel level. E. Paul suggested that we look at the Millville ordinance, since they are strict with the activity at their local motorsports park. C. Damiani and R. Beswick added that a sound barrier wall or a sound absorbing tree barrier could also be put in place.

11. R. Beswick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by C. Damiani. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted by T. Chiddenton