

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

Minutes – February 16, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:46 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced and the flag was saluted.

Members Roll Call: Craig Buffington, Dave Chiddenton, Terri Chiddenton, Dennis LaMagna, Ed Paul,

Liaison: Al Campbell

Green Team: Rich Casian

Excused Members: Charles Damiani, Sal Russomanno, Art Shaw

2. Meeting Open to the Public: Aysia Gandy, who is Camden County's Watershed Ambassador, spoke about a Clean Up event at the Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge which she has sponsored on February 18, 2017, beginning at 10:00am. She provided a flyer.

3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes from last Meeting: A motion was made by Craig Buffington and seconded by Ed Paul. Minutes were approved

4. Clean Communities Report: Terri Chiddenton reported that a Girl Scout Troop clean up (Bates Mill Rd) has been postponed due to rain. A new date will be scheduled and provided at a later time. Terri will also be attending a Clean Communities Coordinator Certification program in Bordentown for the next three weeks.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison A. Campbell: None.

6. Reports from Planning Board Member: Sal's notes to Dave indicated that the definition of a private garage has been changed.

7. Old Business:

. Atco Lake: Dave presented copies of a draft letter to the members. This letter requests that residents who live along the lake place all their trash at curbside, rather than have it thrown behind the fences near the trail that borders the lake. It was suggested that a copy of the letter, with a business card attached, and a Car Bag be distributed to the residents living adjacent to the Lake Front. This would be done by Boy Scout Troop 159, as March is designated as "Service Month" for the scouts.

. Storm Drain Markers: 299 aluminum drain markers were ordered and due to be shipped in March. The cleaning and labeling of storm drains is the Eagle Scout project of Joey Casian.

. Trail Marking Program: Green Team member Rich Casian will take charge of replacing trail markers with the scouts from Troop 159. Rich will also construct a mail box, that will 'store' the trail maps for participants. The Maple Island Trails Map will be posted on the WTEC's facebook page after a resident from Clementon asked for a copy of the map.

. Retention Pond Checklist: Craig Buffington suggested that Sal Russomanno look into creating a checklist for the commission to review, as it was Sal's idea to have a list of the town's retention ponds. Members are not in agreement as to our responsibility to monitor the retention ponds.

8. New Business:

. WTEC Membership Directory: The revised membership listing has been completed

. Spring Fling: Date is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 4pm, on Atco Ave.

. Annual Tee-Shirt Contest: Two category's – Youth & Adults; 3<sup>rd</sup> annual, to be held in late March. [must be 'Original' design].

. Spring Clean-up: Schedule for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Alternate = May 6<sup>th</sup>. Tree saplings will once again be handed out to clean-up participants, thanks to the N.J. Tree Recovery Program.

. ANJEC / Sustainable Grants: Terri will be writing a \$1,500 grant from Sustainable Jersey, and a \$1,200 grant from ANJEC.

#### 9. Sustainable Actions:

. Bronze Level ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. 60 additional points are required; we need to re-certify.

Dave to make a submission by June; he discussed our current point status....

#### 10. Comments from the Membership:

. The town's first annual paper shredding event will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, which coincides with the Camden County Hazardous Waste Collection event. This was made possible by Dave's efforts in obtaining 3 quotes and receiving the twp.'s approval.

#### 11. Meeting open to the Public: No Comments

12. Adjourn: Motion was made by Dave Chiddenton and seconded by Craig Buffington to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Next proposed meeting date March 16, 2017 at 7:30 PM

[minutes submitted by D. LaMagna]