

Waterford Township Environmental Commission (WTEC)

Minutes – June-15, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:33 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, Ed Paul, Pat Butenis

Excused Members: Art Shaw

Absent Members: Craig Buffington, Rich Casian

2. Meeting Open to the Public: Mayor Richardson gave the Environmental Commission Oath to Pat Butenis as Alternate #1, for the two year term, ending December 31, 2018.

3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes from last Meeting: A motion was made by Ed Paul and seconded by Charlie Damiani. (while Sal Russomanno, sustained). Minutes were approved

4. Clean Communities Report (T. Chiddenton): the Democrat Club cleaned up a section of Jackson Rd., The Girl Scouts (5 troops) have been ‘weeding’ & ‘planting’ their Adopt-a-Spot Garden area on Atco Ave. Comments on hats as a possible ‘give away’; a rain barrel workshop & grant, which would include a “How to” (Process and Procedures). Possible workshop to utilize grant funds in September. Terri also provided information & data on how to combat mosquito gestation & breeding. Lastly, the Twp. has been awarded this year’s Clean Communities Grant, which amounts to \$26,600.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison (Campbell): Commented on the Fishing Derby, Noted a proposal to change street lighting fixtures to LED (a Grant may be available), potential of a 30% cost reduction on maintenance.

6. Report from Planning Board Member (Russomanno): No new applications. Bids are out for the Haines Blvd. project.

7. Old Business:

Fishing Tournament_ received \$760 in donations, and \$177 in certificates, 74 participants, 33 different fish were caught, 5 turtles. Noted a possible Joint Derby in October with the Police Department..

Eagle Scout Project (part two)_Joey Casian was not present to report.

Trail Marking Project_ _ Craig Buffington and Rich Casian were not present to report.

Map/Mailbox at Trailhead_ Rich Casian was not present to report.

8. New Business:

Mosquito identification_ Sal needs to contact Bob Outlaw and the Camden County Mosquito Commission

Upcoming Pinelands Commission Meeting_ in regards to the 23 acres of land, that were 'cleared out' by the Race Track; Charlie & Dave are planning to attend on July 14th, at 9:30 am.

Sustainable Actions: members are working on previously assigned actions as well as additional actions.

9. Comments from the Membership: _ Pat requested information on the policy of mowing, specifically pertaining to "Milk Weed" (which attracts monarch 'butterfly's'.... i. e. do NOT mow !!!) Dave acknowledged that all of our members are working on various Sustainable projects/write ups. Terri suggested that all members should "google" "EPA"and put in our ZIP code & read about maps, energy consumption, climate, environmental reports, etc. that pertain to Waterford.!!

10. Meeting open to the Public: None,

12. Adjourn: Motion was made by Dave Chiddenton and seconded by Sal Russomanno to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Next proposed meeting date Thursday, July 20, at 7:30 PM

[Minutes submitted by: D. LaMagna]

Reference Directory:

Waterford TWP WEB Site: <http://www.waterfordtwp.org/township/index.php>

WTEC Face Book Group Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Waterford-Township-Environmental-Commission/1502220093337038?fref=ts>

Sustainable Jersey: <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/>

Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC): <http://WWW.ANJEC.ORG>

Clean Communities Council: www.NJClean.org _ 609-989-5900

Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov

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