

# Waterford Township Environmental Commission

August 18, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. Sunshine Law was announced and the flag was saluted. A. Campbell administered the oath of office to E. Paul to be an alternate on the Environmental Commission for the balance of 2016.

Members: Dave Chiddenton, Terri Chiddenton, Charles Damiani, Sal Russomanno, Art Shaw, Ed Paul

Green Team: Dennis LaMagna, Rich Casian

Excused Members: Craig Buffington, Rich Beswick

2. Meeting open to the Public: Mr. Paul Williams had information concerning Solar Energy for R. Beswick.

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by A. Shaw to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

4. Report from Township Committee Liaison: A. Campbell stated that there was nothing to report from Township Committee concerning the Environmental Commission. He also stated that the Cell Tower was moving forward.

5. Report from the Land and Use Member: S. Russomanno said that there were no new Environmental issues to report.

Clean Communities Report: T. Chiddenton reported that two new Girl Scouts groups had asked to apply for the Adopt a Road program, but she had to ask them to wait until next year to apply. She suggested that they sign up for our Spring and Fall clean-ups to earn money. We added 5 new Adopt a Road groups this year and she wants to make sure that we don't over extend ourselves this year.

6: Old Business

Race Track: D. Chiddenton suggested that rather than send a letter to Township Committee asking that the Environmental Commission be invited to any meeting between the Race Track and Pinelands Commission, he would meet with Bill Richardson, Ed Toussaint and Susan Danson and ask that he attend any meeting

between them concerning violations that were addressed in a letter from the Pinelands Commission to the Race Track. As of August 18 the Race Track has not responded to the Pinelands letter.

Eagle Scout Project: The Eagle Scout Bat House project was finished on August 7<sup>th</sup> of this year. Eight new bat houses were installed in multiple Retention Ponds. The Commission would like to thank Dan McGinnis for all his hard work.

Storm Drains: Craig was not available to give us an update on the Scouts' progress labeling the drains. A. Campbell asked about the progress and said that it was very important that we get this finished. Rich Casian asked Dave to give him the information and he would see what the Scouts could do to get the project completed. Dave would like to have all the drains marked and medallions placed on each storm drain. He was concerned with the epoxies and wanted to make sure that the Scouts would be supervised. If all the forms are filled out, he would order all the supplies that were needed using Clean Community money.

## 7. New Business:

Waterford Twp. Day: Waterford Twp. Day will be on September 17<sup>th</sup>. T. Chiddenton has arranged through ANJEC for music and other attractions. D. Chiddenton asked for volunteers to help man the booth. S. Russomanno and D. LaMagna will attend.

Car Litter Bags: D. Chiddenton presented two options for the car litter bags. A plastic bag at a cost of 1500 bags for \$345.00 or 200 cloth bags for \$ 381.53. A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by A. Shaw that we purchase the cloth bags. Motion was approved. T. Chiddenton told the commission that we can put a slogan on the bag if we wanted and asked for suggestions. C. Damiani suggested "Stow it Don't Throw it". A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by S. Russomanno that we accept the slogan. Motion was approved.

Fall Clean up: T. Chiddenton proposed one of two dates. October 8<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by D. Chiddenton that we select the 15<sup>th</sup> for cleanup and wait to select rain date pending approval of the Clementon Gun Club.

Mission Statement: After a request from A. Shaw, D. Chiddenton suggested that we should look into creating a Mission Statement for the Environmental Commission. An amendment was passed in 1995 to establish the Commission. The Statement will help the public better understand the functions of the Commission. T. Chiddenton suggested that an excerpt of the amendment be sent to the Commissioners to help them develop ideas for the statement. A motion was made by S. Russomanno and seconded by A. Shaw that we forward the members a draft of a Mission statement.

8. Sustainable Actions: D. Chiddenton said that we have attained 195 points and we need 350. He feels that we will not be able to achieve Silver Status this year. C. Damiani said he would not finish his Action in time for this year. Dave was still waiting for the C. Buffington and R. Yeatman Actions.

9. Comments from the Membership: S. Russomanno reported that Camden County has placed mosquito traps in an area that had standing water near his home to check for different infectious diseases. This is a program that is being done throughout Camden County. The County will notify the area tested if there is a problem. Sal feels that we should have someone from the commission to stay in contact with the County to see what area were being treated and give us the results. C. Damiani asked about information he received with his tax statement stating that televisions had to be taken to the Department of Public Works. Dave had already checked and they are still being picked up curbside but wasn't sure how much longer Goodwill will accepted them.

10. Open to the Public: Paul Williams wanted to let Commission that he felt that the Mission statement was a good idea and that it should be placed on the Township Web Site so that the public understands what the Commission's purpose is.

11. Adjourn: Motion made by D. Chiddenton and seconded by A. Shaw, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

Next Meeting: September 15, 2016