

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

May 19, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

1. Called to order at 7:33 P.M. Sunshine law was announced and the flag was saluted

Members: Rich Beswick, Craig Buffington, Dave Chiddenton, Terri Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Sal Russomanno and Art Shaw

Green Team Members: Rich Cassian, Dennis LaMagna

Excused Members: Liaison: Al Campbell. D. Chiddenton announced that Jon Becker (because of personal obligations) has resigned from the Commission.

Absent Member: Julia Day

2. Meeting open to the Public: Joe Morrison inquired about the Marilyn Beard trail. He wanted to know if the Commission was responsible for maintaining the trail. D. Chiddenton told him that we have placed some markers at the start of the trail, but that it was actually a part of the Wharton Track. Mr. Morrison remarked that some of the markers were in disrepair and many of them were missing. He said that if we give the remaining markers to his club, they would be happy to install them.

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by R. Beswick and seconded by C. Damiani that the minutes be approved. Minutes were approved.

4. Clean Communities Report: T. Chiddenton announced that 5 new groups have been added to our Adopt A Road program. A coalition of Girl Scout Troops that call themselves the Five Stars have been cleaning a corner at Atco Ave and Raritan Ave for years, and are asking for credit. The Atco United Methodist Church will be responsible for Chews Landing Rd. from Old White Pike to Pestleton. Another Girl Scout group will clean the retention pond at Whispering Pines. The Boy Scout Troop 159 will adopt all of Pestleton. The Democrat Club has asked to adopt a road. We have checked, and they can do it, but we felt that in all fairness an offer should also be made to the Republican Club.

5. Report from Township Committee Liaison: No report

6. Report from Planning Board Member: Sal Russomanno No Environmental issues to report. He did report that the name has been changed to the Land Use Committee and that it does not affect the Commission's responsibility.

7. Old Business:

Race Track: D. Chiddenton said he'd like a reliable report on the clearing at the Speedway. A motion was made by D. Chiddenton and seconded by R. Beswick that the commission investigate the situation with D. Faunz regarding DEP's position on the clearing at the Speedway. The motion was passed.

Fishing Sponsorship: D. Chiddenton asked about our collections for the Fishing Derby. We need to buy the Trophies and prizes in the next few weeks.

No Littering Signs: D. Chiddenton checked with the County regarding the No Littering signs on Jackson Road. We were told that the No Littering signs were the township responsibility. We can use Clean Communities money to purchase the No Littering signs. There are now 2 No Littering signs on Jackson Road. A motion was made by S. Russomanno and seconded by A. Shaw that two signs in each direction be installed. The motion was passed.

8. New Business:

Spring Fling: The Spring Fling has been postponed and now will be held on Sunday May 24th. C Damiani, T. and D. Chiddenton and R. Casian will attend.

Car Litter Bags: D. Chiddenton showed a picture of what the Litter bags would look like and gave some idea of the cost. R. Beswick suggested that he would check with the suppliers that the War Memorial used for their last event. He will get back to us at our next meeting.

Fishing Derby: T. Chiddenton has been in contact with the trophy suppliers and the Certificate suppliers. We will have the same trophies as we did last year. Need to change Banner because the banner reads Father's Day weekend. She will try to put something on the sign to make the correction. Murphy's will supply water and snacks, Atco Sports will supply the bait.

9. Sustainable Actions: We have a June deadline to submit our actions. D. Chiddenton listed actions that are ready to be submitted. He also reviewed the actions that the members have been working on.

10. Comments from The Membership: A. Shaw asked about the suggestion that was made by R. Yeatman, which was to purchase a weed cutter to clear the Lilly Pads at Atco Lake. It was felt that it was a very difficult job and would not be a permanent solution. T. Chiddenton said that she would get in touch with Mike Hogan to get any suggestions. D. Chiddenton got a call from a resident from Gibbons Court regarding the overgrowth in their retention pond. He got in touch with Susan Danson, and she said that she told the DPW, and it should be taken care of in the next week. S. Russomanno asked if the county was going to increase their mosquito spraying efforts because of the Zika Virus. Dave was going to check.

11. Meeting open to the public: Nothing

12: Adjourn: A motion was made by C. Buffington and seconded by S. Russomanno to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Charles Damiani