

Waterford Township Environmental Commission

March 17, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

1. Called to order at 7:38 P.M. Sunshine law was announced and the flag was saluted

Members: Jon Becker, Rich Beswick, Craig Buffington, Terri and Dave Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Julia Levoch-Day.

Green Team Members: Rich Cassian and Rick Yeatman Liaison: Al Campbell

Excused Members: Sal Russomanno and Art Shaw

2. Meeting open to the Public: Rick Yeatmen added to the conversation throughout the meeting.

3. Minutes for Approval: A motion was made by D. Chiddenton and seconded by R. Beswick to amend the minutes by removing the portion pertaining to a contractor being hired to lay macadam at the back of the Atco Raceway. A motion was then made by R. Beswick and seconded by T. Chiddenton to the minutes. Minutes were approved.

4. Clean Community Report: T. Chiddenton stated that we will be receiving approximately 200 trees that will be ready for pick up in Sewell on April 15th. Dave, Rick, Charlie and Jon will pick up the trees. We will distribute the trees at our Spring Clean Up and the remainder will be planted by the Scouts at the Burnt Mill Facility. D Chiddenton received a report from Mike Micklasavage that the DPW worked 96 hours collecting 22 bags of trash (154 lbs) and 7 bags of recycles (14 lbs). 80 of those hours were used for chipping and brush pick up.

5. Report from the Township Committee Liaison: Nothing to report.

6. Report from the Planning Board Member: S, Russomanno was absent, no report

7. Old Business: Rick Yeatmen spoke with the DEP regarding the removal of the trees at the Atco Speedway. He was told that they could not find any information on the tree removal at the Speedway. D. Chiddenton read a letter from the Pinelands Commission regarding the February 2015 meeting at Town Hall over the clearing of two areas at the Speedway. In the letter they discussed their concerns about some endangered species and the wetlands. D. Chiddenton stated that according to S. Danson they have no paperwork from the Speedway regarding the removal of trees. A motion was made by C. Damiani and seconded by J. Becker that we ask the Township Committee to place the issue of the Speedway on the agenda for a future Township Meeting. We ask that they request that the DEP send all pertinent information that they have concerning this issue to the Township Committee. D. Chiddenton said that the 2x4 Banner has been ordered from the lowest bidder, Little Tees Inc. R. Beswick and D. Chiddenton meet with ARH to discuss what could be done to create an ERI for the Township. D. Chiddenton and R. Beswick would like to see if we can tie in with a plan that is already underway with the DPW. T. Chiddenton has placed flyers announcing our T-Shirt Contest at the schools. We only have a short time to select the winners so we can get them to the printer in time to have them available for our Spring Clean Up. We are going to order fewer shirts this year and have multiple sizes in each design.

8. New Business: D. Chiddenton has been in contact with Samantha from Sustainable Jersey and has submitted a new action, so our application is now open. We need a total 350 points to reach the Silver Certification. Any actions opened by June will have to be completed by November. Susan will work with us on getting our actions before Township Committee when necessary. Spring Clean Up is on April 16th at the Clementon Gun Club. T. Chiddenton showed us a flyer for our approval. R. Beswick made a motion and it was seconded by J. Becker to approve the flyer. We are going to order a 30 yard dumpster for trash and a dumpster for recyclables. We will leave the tires and electronics on the ground for Public Works to pick up. Michael Hogan's Clean Up is on April 23rd. The Clean Up will be in multiple locations in the Wharton Track. Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties have either reduced or have eliminated Electronic Pick Ups. We will continue our Electronics Program for the time being, but we should make people aware that this Program could end at any time.

9. Workshops/Seminars: C. Damiani attended a workshop through ANJEC "The Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions". He said that the class was very helpful and it just reinforced what he already knows, that our Commission is on the right track.

10. Comments from The Membership: T. Chiddenton said that she has applied for two grants, a \$10,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey for Storm Drains and a \$1,500 from ANJEC to make improvements at the Marilyn Beard Park. We should find out shortly if we were successful.

A motion was made by D. Chiddenton and seconded by J. Becker to adjourn at 9:38 P.M. Motion was approved.

NEXT MEETING APRIL 21, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.