

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WTEC)
MINUTES – July 18, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Sunshine Rule was announced and the flag was saluted.

Members: Pat Butenis, Dave Chiddenton, Terri Chiddenton, Charlie Damiani, Bob Doney, Tom Giangliulio, Dennis LaMagna, Ed Paul, Art Shaw

Honorary Member: Al Campbell

Liaison: Mary Sura

Green Team: Richard Casian, Craig Buffington

Roll Call: C. Buffington, D. Chiddenton, T. Chiddenton, C. Damiani, B. Doney, T. Giangliulio, D. LaMagna, E. Paul, A. Shaw

Excused: P. Butenis, A. Campbell,

Absent: R. Casian, M. Sura

2. **Meeting open to the public:** none present (at this time)

3. **Reading and approval of minutes from the last meeting:** E. Paul moved to approve the minutes and C. Damiani seconded. Minutes were approved.

4. **Clean Communities:** T. Chiddenton reported that there have been no recent clean-ups.

5. **Report from Township Liaison:** In lieu of M. Sura's report, D. Chiddenton explained the latest recycling sticker, which will be placed on the residents' recycling cans during the week of July 22nd by the DPW, Clean Communities Summer Help, and the WTEC. C. Damiani, B. Doney, and A. Shaw volunteered to help with the project. Bob suggested that each commission member apply stickers to the cans in their own neighborhood. It was agreed that notice should be given on the WTEC fb page, and that we should mention that these steps are being taken to help reduce or prevent fines for recycling contamination.

6. Report from Planning Board Liaison: Both D. Chiddenton and C. Damiani attended the last Planning Board meeting on July 15th, and learned that Brotherton Brewery, in conjunction with Valenzano Winery, is interested in purchasing the old firehouse. The probability of E. Paul being appointed as the next commission member to be a Planning Board liaison was also discussed.

7. Old Business:

- ANJEC/Pinelands Commission Meeting (June 21): T. Chiddenton mentioned that this was just one event celebrating ANJEC's 50th year anniversary, and that the greatest incentive for attending was to listen to Gov. Florio, who spoke on the hazards of drilling for natural gas in the ocean. The sonic blasts which occur to locate drilling sites are extremely destructive, as well.

- Tri-County Meeting (June 27): D. Chiddenton explained that many of the municipalities represented at this meeting have not been informed by their Town Councils of the changes and corresponding fines which are occurring with recycling contamination. Dave gave a thorough presentation, along with visuals, to the representatives who attended this meeting. T. Chiddenton then offered to send more information, which was gathered at the Sustainable Jersey Summit on June 14th. Terri also mentioned "Second Chance Toys," which has been promoted by TriCSA for several months. This organization collects "gently used" plastic toys, cleans them, and gives them to needy children. Possible times/sites for collection could be our Clean-ups, Shredding Events, or at the school district's Health & Wellness Fair.

8. New Business:

- National Night Out (Aug. 6th): The Chair explained that the event's hours will be 6:00 P.M. – 9 P.M., but set-up will begin at 5:00. Green baseball caps have been purchased as prizes for the Spin Wheel. T. Chiddenton, C. Damiani, and T. Giangulio volunteered to join Dave at the commission's table during the event.

- Fall Clean-up (Oct. 5th): Dave Fanz, of the Clementon Gun Club, has O.K.'d the date for our Town Fall Clean-up. It will be held from 9:00 – 12:00, and may be our first venue for the "Second Chance Toys" collection.

9. Sustainable Jersey Action Update: Our application is still under review. We have submitted 375 points, but need only 350 for our next Silver Certification.

10. Comments from Membership: D. & T. Chiddenton mentioned that they had attended S. Danson's last twp. meeting (she has resigned from the Twp. Administrator position) on July 10th, and thanked her for all the work she had done for the WTEC. They will also attend Hammonton's Green Team "Green Drinks" event on Friday (July 19th), and invited the rest of the members to join them. A. Shaw questioned if the hydraulic fluid spill from one of the Republic trucks needs to be investigated, but was assured that the spill was professionally cleaned. B. Doney wondered if we had a "plastics" ordinance in town, which we do not. He also asked about the carwash on White Horse Pike, and if we have any information on well contamination. T. Giangliulio reviewed the situation with the carwash owner, who has hired an attorney. Unfortunately, the person who had been willing to purchase the carwash, after all issues have been resolved, is no longer interested. Finally, Bob also asked if we have an acting Township Administrator. Dave explained that interviews were taking place in order to hire an Interim Administrator as quickly as possible. Dave then passed out copies of the latest Owens Corning report, which speaks of soil remediation, and also mentions the fact that 10 wells have become contaminated, with 5 of those wells being in the Atco area. Owens has provided filtration systems for those wells. D. LaMagna wanted clarification on the fines for contaminated recycling loads, and Art thought perhaps the totals for those monthly fines should be placed on either the twp. facebook page or website, so that people can see the progress the residents are making in keeping contaminants out of their recycling bins. Terri proposed that she suggest (on our WTEC fb page) to our residents that they should take their plastic bags to either ShopRite or Walmart to be recycled.

11: Meeting Open to the Public: Rick Yeatman, who arrived after the meeting had started, stated that the rates for the collection of recyclables will double next year, and the idea of hiring a Recycling Coordinator, who would check and tag contaminated bins, is being circulated around Twp. Committee. He also informed us that we might lose our twp. webmaster, and that we have quite a few contaminated wells in town. He has no current news on any further restoration of Atco Lake, but mentioned that Fran Campbell, from the Rec. Committee, would like to create walking and biking paths between the town's recreational fields. We have already offered assistance to him when he previously approached the WTEC with this idea.

12: Adjourn: Motion was made to adjourn by T. Giangliulio and seconded by A. Shaw.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM.

Next proposed meeting date: Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 PM