

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – May 16th, 2019**

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

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

Honorary Member: Al Campbell

Liaison: Mary Sura

Green Team: Craig Buffington, Richard Casian

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

Excused: C. Buffington, P. Butenis, A. Campbell, R. Casian, M. Sura

2. **Meeting open to the public:** none present

3. **Reading and approval of minutes from the last meeting:** T. Chiddenton moved to approve the minutes and B. Doney seconded the motion. Minutes were approved, with T. Giangliulio, D. La Magna, E. Paul, and A. Shaw abstaining due to their absence.

4. **Clean Communities:** T. Chiddenton had no new clean-ups or news to report.

5. **Report from Township Liaison:** no report

6. **Report from Planning Board Liaison:** T. Giangliulio explained that the only application which came before the Planning Board was a request to build an addition to a house. However, the boundary of the addition would be very near the property line. Despite this fact, the request was approved.

7. **Old Business:**

- D. Chiddenton met with the Assist. Manager of ShopRite, with the hope of convincing him to either make boxes available for packing store-bought goods (much like B.J.'s), or to open a check-out line or two for shoppers who use tote bags for their goods. The Assist. Manager replied that his goal is to move the shoppers in and out as quickly as possible, and the "tote bag check-outs" would slow that process down. T. Chiddenton mentioned that she would talk to the Manager, since she knows him personally. T. Giangliulio suggested that we also approach Rite Aid and Dollar General, in hopes that they will reduce their rate of plastic bags hand-outs.

- D. Chiddenton relayed information from the South Jersey Scrub, which was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, near Burnt Mill Rd. (the day after our clean-up). They found and removed a dump site in the Wharton, which was just off Burnt Mill Rd. In total, the volunteers who worked the South Jersey Scrub collected 10.79

tons of debris within the Waterford section of the Wharton State Forest. T. Giangliulo mentioned, and we all agreed, that our residents need a year round "Convenience Center," as the Wharton becomes their dumping ground when the center is closed. T. Chiddenton stated that she wrote a "Thank you" note to the organizers of the Scrub, since they specifically picked the Waterford section of the Wharton in which to work.

#### **8. New Business:**

- The Chair asked for a head count of volunteers who would be able to attend the Free Shredding Event on May 18<sup>th</sup>. He was pleased to report that Proshred bought a "back-up" truck, in case one broke down during the event. A. Shaw suggested that our reusable tote bags be exchanged for any plastic bags residents use to carry their shredding material.

- The June 8<sup>th</sup> Fishing Tournament was discussed. We will once again have trophies for the 6 categories (largest & most fish – both adult & child, most unusual, and best effort). We will also have certificates made for the trophy winners and the donating businesses. The Waterford Twp. Police will provide a hot dog cart, and the Courier Post has been notified, in hopes of enticing a reporter to cover the event.

**9. Sustainable Jersey Review:** D. Chiddenton explained that we already have 300 points for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> submission. He has high hopes that we will accumulate 395 points by the final submission in November. This total will give us a 45 point buffer for any actions that may not be approved by the Sustainable Jersey reviewers.

**10. Pinelands Commission Reports:** The Pinelands Commission sent a letter to PSE&G, warning them to be more careful with their restoration work along their access roads.

**11. Comments from Membership:** C. Damiani is waiting for the \$5,000 Firewise grant to arrive. B. Doney asked if the town had a place to collect grass. D. Chiddenton replied that the pit, off of Columbia Ave. may be reopening. Dave attended a Cherry Hill recycling meeting. He learned that although Waterford's contamination is not too bad (we are at 17%), other towns are able to keep their contamination of recyclables down in the single digits. We need to educate our residents of the ever-changing regulations. We will be asked to basically recycle only #1's and #2's, and residents must be reminded not to place their recyclables into plastic bags. We will be fined if our loads are rejected. Camden County stated that they will gladly educate students in an assembly. Dave also mentioned that he will be speaking during an S.J. Energy Audit seminar on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Finally, he reminded the members to join the T-shirt winners during the Memorial Day parade on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**12. Meeting Open to the Public:** none present

**13. Adjourn:** Motion was made to adjourn by D. LaMagna and seconded by T. Giangliulo. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM

**Next proposed meeting date: Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**