

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WTEC)
MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM. Due to the COVID-19 social interaction restrictions mandated by the Governor, this meeting was conducted virtually by “Zoom” and publicized as such. The Sunshine Rule was announced and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Members: Kelly Andrews, Pat Butenis, Terry Ciarlante, Gabrielle DeSorte, Ed Paul, Harleigh Pino, Art Shaw, Mike Ward

Liaison: Rick Yeatman

Green Team: Craig Buffington, Richard Casian,

Roll Call: C. Buffington, P. Butenis, R. Casian, T. Ciarlante, G. DeSorte, E. Paul, H. Pino, A. Shaw, M. Ward, R. Yeatman

Absent: K. Andrews

2. **Reading and approval of minutes from the last meeting:** A. Shaw moved to approve the minutes, T. Ciarlante seconded. Minutes were approved.

3. **Open to the public:** None present.

4. **Chair’s report:** E. Paul referred to the several events we were planning during this very busy period. He asked that K. Andrews create a flyer for the May 8 shredding event which could be handed out on April 24, at the tree seedlings give-away. He also emphasized the need to solicit donations for the June 5 fishing derby. We reviewed last minute preparations for the spring cleanup on April 17

5. **Clean Communities:** T. Ciarlante confirmed that the funds had been transferred to our account, though the exact balance was to be determined. She also clarified that the new WTEC Facebook page was “The Waterford Township Environmental Commission”, making sure to use “The”.

6. **Township Liaison:** R. Yeatman reported that NJ Department of Health was happy with our township's response to the **well water testing kit** project and gave us extra kits not used by other townships. Results are expected by the end of June. One issue is that the Department of Health does not want to give us the addresses of homes which were tested, for privacy reasons, but without that information the township won't know where problems areas are. If it appears that there are more than a few homes with concerning levels of radioactivity, we will request the information through the Freedom of Information Act.

7. **Land Use Board Liaison:** M. Ward reported that the next hearing on the **Atco Dragway** is scheduled for April 19 while the board is working to clear the backlog of other, routine applications pending.

8. **Trails Ambassador:** R. Casian reported that AllTrails accepted his posting of **Burnt Mill and Maple Island** on their app and he actually met a hiker who had found the trail through the app. Also, more people out hiking and unfortunately, more trash.

9. **New Business:** E. Paul confirmed we would hold the **fishing derby** (June 5) and asked members to begin soliciting prizes, and no need for anything expensive.

10: **Pinelands Commission letters:** None

11: **Meeting Open to the Public:** None

12. **Comments from Membership:** R. Yeatman attended the Atco lake presentation with Camden County Commissioner Jeffrey Nash, along with WTEC members. The volunteer **Friends of Atco Lake** would welcome WTEC members, and G. DeSorte, M. Ward and T. Ciarlante volunteered.

13: **Adjournment:** R. Casian made a motion to adjourn, A. Shaw seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:08.

Next proposed meeting date: May 20, 2021