

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WTEC)

MINUTES – MARCH 17, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM. This meeting was held in the Waterford Township Public Library. 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, E. Paul, A. Shaw, M. Ward, R. Yeatman

Excused: G. DeSorte

Absent: K. Andrews, H. Pino,

2. **Minutes from January and February meetings:** A. Shaw moved to approve, T. Ciarlante seconded, the minutes were approved.

3. **Open to Public:** R. Doney

4. **Chair's report:** P. Butenis will ask K. Andrews to design the layout of the lettering and logos on the **new trailer**, to include the WTEC name and logo and Clean Communities' logo. The Chair raised the 2022 Environmental Commission Grants offered by ANJEC (Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions) which B. Doney mentioned. These are for Open Space Stewardship projects. R. Yeatman reported that they were pursuing a grant for some of the costs of a walking trail from Todd Court to Ritter field, with perhaps this grant to cover remaining costs.

5. **Clean Communities:** T. Ciarlante reported a balance of \$15,052.09. Our Facebook page has 158 likes, and our flyers posted for the Atco lake and the Spring cleanups reached several hundred people.

6. **Township liaison:** R. Yeatman reported that the township was working on the transfer of a portion of the property it owns next to **Atco Lake** to the county so they can upgrade it to a parking lot. The township will retain ownership of the remaining two parcels. The closure of Vineyard Road is still a work in progress. The county is exploring the use of an herbicide to control the growth of the lily pads in the lake before June. The Township Committee has not yet decided to pursue installation of **electric vehicle (EV) charging stations**. Grants are available but some Committee members feel there are still too many unknowns. Regarding the use of **cameras** to deter trash dumping in the woods, M. Ward will invite a local resident with experience in the use of this type of monitoring to talk to us at a future meeting.

7. **Land Use Board liaison:** M. Ward reported that they continue to look at loosening up regulations for the construction of pole barns while noting that Pinelands Commission requirements are also involved.

8. **Trails ambassador:** Nothing to report.

9. **New Business:** P. Butenis reviewed the preparations for the **April 2 Atco Lake** cleanup, the **April 9 Spring cleanup** and the **April 23 seedlings giveaway** at the War Memorial Committee event. All WTEC members were urged to participate.

10. **Pinelands Commission notifications:** Nothing to report

11. **Comments from the public:** None

12. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:59.

Next proposed meeting date: April 21, 2022