

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WTEC)

MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM. This meeting was held in the Municipal Building. The Sunshine Rule was announced and the pledge of allegiance recited.

Members: Terry Ciarlante, Dave Dempsey, Gabrielle DeSorte, Ed Paul, Harleigh Pino, Art Shaw, Mike Ward

Liaison: Rick Yeatman

Green Team: Craig Buffington, Richard Casian,

Roll Call: T. Ciarlante, D. Dempsey, E. Paul, R. Yeatman

Excused: C. Buffington, H. Pino, A. Shaw

Absent: R. Casian, G. DeSorte, M. Ward

2. **Minutes from the October and November meetings:** Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes was deferred to the January meeting.

3. **Open to Public:** R. Doney, P. Butenis

4. **Chair's report:** We have the required three bids on **signage** for our trailer but some information is lacking. T. Ciarlante will get the additional information so the bids be submitted to the Township. WTEC participation in **Winter on the Avenue** was successful despite a heavy downpour. We will set dates for our **2023 events** at the January meeting.

5. **Clean Communities/Social Media:** T. Ciarlante reported a current **account balance** of \$8364.80. The Township approved purchase of the **orange trash bags** and we are getting three quotes for purchase of **reusable shopping bags**.

6. **Township liaison:** R. Yeatman said Public Works needs a list of the places where we want them to post the **"No dumping" signs** and D. Dempsey will draw up the list with R. Casian. E. Paul will also check out some roads for inclusion on the list. The Department of Environmental Protection said they would take care of the **blockage of Burnt Mill Road** caused by the beaver dam and R. Yeatman will follow up. The state is revising **storm water management** rules to include

requiring townships to clear roadside brush, frequent street cleaning, etc. Townships are also expected to pass an ordinance reflecting the state's requirements which would represent an unfunded mandate. We have not yet passed such an ordinance. Discussion focused on the significant expense to the Township.

7. **Land Use Board liaison:** R. Yeatman reported that Capital Flooring and the warehouse applicant will need to buy Pinelands Development Credits. Since we reduced the number of housing units in the **Haines Boulevard** area from 1000 to 500, the Pinelands Commission is now reviewing its original decision. The Township is considering disputing the Commission's action.

8. **Trails ambassador:** No report.

9. **New Business:** We will hold our spring cleanup on Earth Day, April 22, 2023.

10. **Pinelands Commission notifications:** Nothing of note.

11. **Comments from the public:** R. Doney suggested engaging the schools for Earth Day, recalling our past tee shirt design contests. We agreed to pursue this.

12. **Comments from members:** R. Yeatman reported that people are cutting down lots of trees on their properties which is a violation of Township regulations but they never face any consequences. He proposed that such violations be documented and fines levied.

13. **Adjournment:** E. Paul made a motion to adjourn, seconded by T. Ciarlante. The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM. E. Paul invited everyone to reconvene at Racks for our traditional holiday cheer.

Next proposed meeting date: January 19, 2023

Meeting Minutes Approved February 16, 2023