

Waterford Township Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2023

Meeting: Called to Order at 7:00 pm

Present: Chairman Ed Paul and Members Doney, Ciarlante, Buffington, DeSorte, Liaison Yeatman, Green Team Casian and Shelton. Excused: Dempsey. Not present: Ward.

Minutes from August meeting not presented.

No Public attended.

Chairman Paul's report: Fall Cleanup is September 30, 2023. Everyone was advised to report to the Trailer location by 7:30 am. Signs for the event were placed around town by Ciarlante, however several signs were noticed to be missing from locations. Liaison Yeatman advised that the electronic billboards from the Fire house and VFW will advertise the Cleanup.

Clean Communities Report presented by T. Ciarlante:

Account balance is \$18,800.07 with a carryover fund of \$25,000.00. Chairman Paul believes that the \$18,800.07 must be spent within the first 30 days of the new year 2024. The balances and the time frame in which it must be appropriated/spent will be verified by Liaison Yeatman within the next week.

Discussion to utilize the funds for school environmental programs was made by Doney with Chairman Paul suggesting we sponsor outside speakers or programs such as Rutgers Extension or Anjec to run the programs. Liaison Yeatman suggested spending funds on equipment such as blower/vacuums to be used by Public Works to clean the streets/sites after Township events.

Shelton suggested purchasing a dumpster and prices were discussed for new and used dumpsters.

DeSorte and Ciarlante suggested purchasing clean up equipment such as rakes, blowers, canvas gloves, sickles, rope, brooms, etc. for our own purposes and store in our trailer.

Doney advised that the allotted spending amount for cleanup equipment, litter abatement and graffiti abatement could not exceed 25% of the budget amount.

Social Media presence on Facebook page increased from 264 followers to 333 followers, expanding our subscribers for the first time in almost 3 years.

Township Committee Liaison Yeatman reported the County will be cleaning up the oil tanks on the property adjacent to Atco Lake.

Trails Ambassador Casian reported that some of our litter/dumping signs placed around trail heads and other parts of town were missing. Ambassador Casian will provide location information to assist the WTDPW to replace any missing signs.

Up Coming Events:

Fall Cleanup September 30, 2023. It was noted that the Township-wide yard sale has been moved to that same date due to anticipated inclement weather on the original date of 9/24/23. The Bikeathon is also set for 9/30.

Octoberfest 10/14/23 4pm -9pm: Trailer to arrive @ 2pm, members arrive @ 3:45.

Winter on the Avenue details to be discussed at the next meeting.

Pinelands Commission Notifications: Nothing to report.

Comments from Members: Clean Communities coordinator Ciarlante presented all members with uniforms (jackets). Everyone was appreciative, thanking Ciarlante for her efforts. Uniforms should be worn at all EC events, weather permitting.

Motion to adjourn by Ciarlante. Second Motion by Buffington.

Meeting adjourned 8:08 pm.

*Minutes recorded by Member G.DeSorte.

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Minutes Approved 10/19/23