

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
April 14, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Klimek, Mrs. Emmetts, Mr. Szabo, Mrs. Fleck, Mrs. Tracey, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Branagan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

Mr. Branagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the statement that this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This was a regularly scheduled meeting of the Stillwater Township Environmental Commission. Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., at the Stillwater Township Municipal Building located in Middletown, New Jersey.

The flag was saluted and roll call taken.

Mrs. Fleck arrived at 7:15 p.m.

**Minutes**

Mr. Szabo made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 3/10/14, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Emmetts, abstain, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Mr. Klimek, yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Blanchard, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

**Bills**

Mrs. Tracey made a **motion** to approve the following bill, pending availability of funds, seconded by Mr. Klimek:

Secretary: \$ 195.00

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Emmetts, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Mr. Klimek, yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Blanchard, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

**Correspondence:**

Budget Memo – CFO – 4/3/14

Land Conservancy Memo – 4/3/14, re: ERI Update

**At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:08 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed 7:08 p.m.**

**Old Business**

**Land Conservancy/ERI - Maps:**

Mr. Branagan reported the ERI will be presented to the Planning Board on 4/16/14. A brief discussion was held on whether or not a public hearing would be held at that time. It was the opinion of Ms. Chammings that it would be presented to the Planning Board, comments would be considered, and an advertised public hearing would be held in May.

**YMCA:** Mr. Branagan reported he had contacted Cliff Lunden of the Sussex County Soil Conservation District, re: Fairview Lake YMCA tree cutting. The representative at the camp that Mr. Lunden spoke to indicated only those trees that were damaged during Hurricane Sandy are being removed and no roots have been dumped in the area of Fiddler's Elbow.

**Tree Ordinance:** Mr. Branagan reported the Tree Ordinance amendment would be up for public hearing/adoption at the Township Committee meeting to be held on 4/15/14.

**Sustainable Jersey (SJ):**

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported the Green Team is continuing to compile point items. The energy audit was conducted on the Municipal Building only, not the DPW or Rescue Squad Building, so those points are questionable. The DPW is basically a pole building and the Rescue Squad is relatively new.

During the discussion, Mr. Blanchard questioned the definition of "brownfields", which Ms. Fobes-Jacoby indicated are contaminated sites and are included in the ERI. Mr. Blanchard noted 10 points are awarded for a brownfield inventory and 25 points for a plan. Ms. Chammings indicated the Recycling Center is a brownfield, and could possibly be considered a plan.

**Anti-Idling Education Points:** Education is being considered for Clean Up Day on 4/26/14.

**At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:28 p.m.**

**Amy Schwartz, 915 Duck Pond Road,** indicated an inventory identifying idling issues is required to earn points, such as at bus stops, stores, etc., as well as 1) posting signs; 2) educational materials; 3) evaluate if it is working and 4) enforcement.

Ideas for getting information to the public include: 1) business card style; 2) “point” per week on the website and in the school newsletter and 3) tracking cars in different areas and provide education.

They also must address environmental, health and the economic impact.

Mr. Szabo suggested visiting the bus company for a schedule of bus stops to obtain data.

A two-sided newsletter is being considered to be included in the tax bill mailing in July. Mr. Branagan felt educational material should be provided at Clean Up Day and Mrs. Schwartz would contact him to determine the content of the poster. Ms. Fobes-Jacoby asked for volunteers for the day and Jack and Sara Branagan will participate.

**There being no further members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed 7:38 p.m.**

**Littering/Dumping Fines Ordinance Amendment:** Forwarded to the Township Committee 12/19/13

**Recycling Ordinance:**

Ms. Chammings met with Mr. Whitehead and he is working on the revisions. She felt it may be beneficial to have the Township Attorney attend an EC meeting to make sure the ordinance is drafted as the EC would like. E-Waste demand has dropped significantly and the vendor being considered has withdrawn.

**Veteran’s Memorial Park (VMP) – Recycling Receptacle:** This item will be added to the next agenda.

**Fishing Line Receptacles:** Fishing line was collected and Mr. Branagan asked that all weights and hooks be removed.

**New Business**

**ANJEC Grant Opportunity:** Mr. Blanchard reported the grant application for a \$1,500 grant to assist an existing watershed project, to purchase trees and tree tubes for riparian restoration along the Paulinskill River was submitted.

**Resignation:** Michael Nystrom

Following a discussion, Mr. Branagan made a **motion** to accept the resignation of Mr. Nystrom and make the following recommendations to the Mayor for appointment, seconded by Mrs. Emmetts:

Kathy Fobes-Jacoby from Alternate #1 to Regular Member filling the term of Mr. Nystrom, expiring 12/31/14.

Ian Blanchard from Alternate #2 to Alternate #1 filling the term of Kathy Fobes-Jacoby, expiring 12/31/14.

Sara Branagan as Alternate #2, filling the term of Ian Blanchard, term expiring 12/31/15.

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Emmetts, yes, Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Mr. Klimek, yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

**Paulinskill River Clean Up Project:** Sign-ups will be held at Clean Up Day on 4/26/14 for those interested in volunteering for the project.

**Amphibian Crossing Report:**

Spotted Salamander: 49, 2R, (Returning upland), 4 DOR

Wood Frog: 303, 13R, 13 DOR

Spring Peeper: 134, 25R, 41 DOR

Four Toed Salamander: 1 DOR

Jefferson Salamander: 21, 7R, 0 DOR

Red Newt: 4, 1R 0 DOR

**Amphibian Crossing Report cont'd:**

Red Back: 1

Chorus Frog: 2 in section 5; 1 north of section 5

Just outside of Section 5:

Wood Frog: 24, 6R, 11 DOR

Spotted: 1

Spring Peeper: 5 DOR

**At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 8:10 p.m.**

**Amy Schwartz, 915 Duck Pond Road** referred to the PSE&G power line project and asked if there was a plan to address clean-up of the access roads once the project is completed.

**Ms. Chamblings** reported she had spoken with the engineering company that is working with PSE&G on the Byram restoration. She will address the matter with the Township Committee and perhaps they will want to bring that engineer in as a consultant for the restoration process in Stillwater. PSE&G is estimating restoration will begin between July and October. Ms. Chamblings asked that anyone with concerns should present them to her so she can compile a list. She indicated there is a restoration plan in place. Mr. Szabo felt until a plan is reviewed, a consultant should not be hired. Ms. Chamblings noted the consultant is familiar with the plan and could make sure it is followed. She expressed concern with the effect on the roads and if the funding they provided would be sufficient to address the road repairs.

**There being no further members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 8:17 p.m.**

**Planning Board (PB) Liaison Report:** March 2014

Mr. Branagan reported the following:

- Camp Lou Henry Hoover application for a pavilion, completeness hearing was tabled due to insufficient notice of certain property owners.
- Solar ordinance review is continuing.

**Township Liaison Report:** Committeewoman Chamblings

- Recycling Center entrance road will be reclaimed. The DPW Supervisor and Township Engineer will meet to address the issue.
- The aluminum container will be removed.
- The bottle compactor will be released.
- Shed placement will take place in the near future.
- Once the entrance road is reclaimed, containers will be repositioned.
- Township Committee will introduce a bond ordinance to purchase two new DPW trucks on 4/15/14.
- Flooring in recycling containers will be addressed, as well as footing entering the containers.
- The next phase of the town hall renovations will be focused on the meeting room.
- The Municipal Building parking lot will also be addressed.

Ms. Chamblings distributed the NJDEP guidelines to stream cleaning indicating when a permit is required for cleaning New Jersey's streams and rivers pursuant to the Freshwater Wetland Protection Act Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7A) and the Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:13).

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Klimek made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Tracey. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Wunder, Secretary