

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
June 9, 2014**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Tracey

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 Middleville, New Jersey. The flag was saluted and roll call taken.

Minutes

Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 5/12/14, seconded by Mr. Szabo, as amended.

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

Bills

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

Secretary: \$ 198.90

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

Correspondence:

Mr. Branagan displayed the print for the Clean Up Project t-shirt. The EC discussed the visual aspects of the shirt, noting two colors would be less costly. Mr. Branagan will compare pricing for a multi-colored shirt as opposed to a two-color shirt (yellow/black). The back of the shirt will have "Stillwater Township Volunteer" printed on it.

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:10 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed 7:10 p.m.

Old Business

Paulinskill River Clean Up:

Mr. Branagan reported a project meeting was held on June 5th with approximately 22 people in attendance. Participants will walk and also use kayaks to navigate the river. Ms. Chammings will inquire if gloves are available through the DPW. Four team leaders were chosen and areas will be designated by those leaders to group members. Mr. Blanchard stated an additional meeting will be held prior to the project day, re: kayak safety and he spoke with the CFO regarding purchase orders, budget modifications, etc. under the Green Team.

ERI Update: The ERI was adopted with the surface geology map to be added.

Sustainable Jersey (SJ):

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby submitted 220 point items to Sustainable Jersey for bronze certification (min. of 150 points are required). The items included actions from six categories and she added the watershed projects. The deadline for submission of completed actions is November 23, 2014.

Recycling Ordinance: The EC reviewed the recycling fee flyer approved by Mr. Whitehead. Mr. Klimek had many questions including the disposal of microwaves, which are not accepted by George's Salvage. The EC felt there were many issues with the recycling fees, noting the center does not have the capability of weighing large bulk items. The fees for such items are inconsistent, for example all size mattresses fall under one fee. Also questioned was the fee for rugs, as they range in size, yet fall under one fee. Mr. Szabo and Ms. Chamings will meet with Mr. Whitehead to clarify the fees and review the ordinance and compare both with the SCMUA fees and information.

Green Team Recycling Flyer: The EC reviewed the flyer to be included with the tax bill mailing and made changes which Ms. Fobes-Jacoby will bring back to Amy Schwartz to make the necessary revisions. Mr. Klimek suggested breaking down the item into four categories: 1)Items accepted for cardboard containers; 2)Items accepted for junk mail container; 3)Newspapers; 4)Aluminum cans. Mr. Szabo stated there are six containers located at the Recycling Center and it should be indicated what is accepted in each container using correlating acceptable items to a number each container.

Veterans Memorial Park (VMP) Recycling Receptacle:

Mr. Branagan met with Chairperson Rachel Gullette of the Recreation Commission and they are very interested in placing a receptacle at VMP and could address the matter after Stillwater Day. Mr. and Mrs. Branagan visited the Recycling Center and the old shed appears to be usable.

Fishing Line Receptacles:

The receptacle at Route 521 boat launch will be moved to the LC Service area.

New Business:

Tree Removal – Middleville Road Project: It appears that trees have been marked for removal during the project.

Nature Conservancy:

Mr. Blanchard met with the Nature Conservancy regarding funding they have received through the William Penn Foundation, specifically for the Paulinskill River, and they are interested in planting trees at VMP. The Nature Conservancy indicated the Paulinskill restoration will be quite comprehensive over the next ten years and will include removal of two dams – Pauline/Columbia, which would allow the shad to migrate up the stream.

Beetles: Mr. Szabo reported on the possible discovery of a few Eurasian beetles on his property. He contacted Rutgers Agricultural Extension and spoke with Steve Komar who determined the beetle may be a longhorned Asian beetle. The beetle will have to be frozen and observed under a microscope to determine its identity.

Swartwood Watershed Meeting:

A watershed meeting was held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 with the following speakers present: Kyra Hoffman, Environmental Specialist, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control and Pat Rector, Environmental Specialist, Rutgers Extension. They discussed the following: 1) Removal of Water Chestnut; 2) Pond and Lake Management; and 3) Septic Management. Handouts were provided for those interested.

Walleye Tournament:

A Walleye Tournament will be held at Swartwood Lake on June 21, 2014, from 4 p.m. Saturday to noon on Sunday. Registration will be held at the Boathouse Restaurant.

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 8:30 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 8:30 p.m.

Planning Board (PB) Liaison Report: May 20, 2014

Mr. Branagan reported the following:

- ERI was adopted; bedrock and surficial geology map was added.
- Solar ordinance was reviewed with changes for the next Planning Board meeting.

Township Liaison Report: Committeewoman Chammings

- Specifications for bids for the new DPW trucks was presented by the attorney.
- Memorial Day service for veterans was held at VMP on Memorial Day.
- Fairview Lake Association is concerned with snow removal and there is a continuing discussion before the Committee.
- Financial Disclosure forms are due.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder, Secretary