

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
September 8, 2014**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Branagan, Mrs. Branagan

Mr. Klimek 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 7:10 p.m.

Minutes

Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 8/11/14, seconded by Mr. Szabo.

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

Bills

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

Secretary:	\$ 198.90
QC Labs:	\$1,606.00

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

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.

Correspondence:

-Solar Ordinance 2014-013 – Adopted by TC 9/2/14

-NJ Shade Tree Federation 89th Annual Conference, 10/24 and 10/25, Cherry Hill, NJ

Old Business

Sustainable Jersey (SJ):

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported the following on the GreenFest:

The GreenFest included an hour long presentation entitled, “Touch of Nature” and 40+ were in attendance. Also included were a medicinal/herbal plant walk, solar power by Frank DeWitt, New Jersey Electric Car Association, Bob Leonard of Honda with a hybrid and electric car; blacksmith Bill Barrett; composting by Amy Schwartz; bike maintenance by Ian Blanchard; eco-art; a cider press from the Historical Society; donated apples by Windy Brow; and TransOptions. The afternoon was a success.

Paulinskill River Clean Up Project:

This item will be added to the next agenda.

Mixed Rigid Plastics:

Ms. Chamings reported there was minimal response to Mr. Branagan’s memo regarding mixed rigid plastics disposal as there were only three Township Committee members present at the last meeting. Ms. Chamings asked for the disposal to be considered. Costs were discussed and Mr. Branagan’s memo reflected three to five cents above the SCMUA cost, to cover transportation and any additional costs. Mr. Klimek noted it could be funded through the Recycling Tonnage Grant, fees acquired from aluminum and the Recycling Trust Fund. He felt disposal costs should be the same as the SCMUA.

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby expressed concern with not having E-Waste disposal. Mr. Klimek noted that Newton has free E-Waste disposal and suggested Stillwater contact them for vendor information.

Veteran's Memorial Park – Recycling Receptacle:

This item will be added to the next agenda.

Fishing Line:

Mrs. Emmetts reported the Keen's Mill receptacle is too close to the ground and has been turned upside down. She could not access the line as a result.

Crandon Lakes Lot:

Mr. Klimek questioned the purchase of a Crandon Lakes lot that was mentioned at the last meeting and asked Ms. Chammings to make sure any lots sold in that area are not included on the ROSI.

Endangered and Threatened Species Sightings: None

A discussion was held on the declaration of a threatened and endangered species, noting once an item is added to the list its removal is very difficult.

The EC also discussed threatened and endangered plants not being included in the ERI. Barbara Davis provided two sources the EC can use:

- 1) www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/countylist.html - this is not municipally based, it is on a county-basis
- 2) The Natural Heritage can process a request for a specific site, however there is a \$70 per hour fee for the NJDEP to complete the search.

New Business: None

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:41 p.m.

There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 7:41 p.m.

Planning Board (PB) Liaison Report: August 2014

Ms. Chammings reported the following:

-Solar ordinance discussion was held with Frank DeWitt of Alternative Energy, who offered future suggestions for the ordinance.

-Franciscan Missionary – Hardwick Road – application for a 4,980 square foot pole barn was approved; Sussex County Soil Conservation District exempt.

Township Liaison Report: Committeewoman Chammings

-Jeff Locascio, President, Paulinskill Lake Association, expressed concern with a major graffiti problem at the dam and underneath the bridge, as well as several other locations in Paulinskill Lake. The Sheriff's Office will increase patrols in that area. It is also an issue in other areas of Stillwater.

-A 5K run/walk was approved and will begin at Stillwater School.

-Draw down at Crandon Lakes will take place on 9/15/14.

-A subcommittee consisting of Mr. Gross and Ms. Chammings has been formed to determine the job descriptions at the Recycling Center. Ms. Chammings has suggestions for improving the center and there are many areas of concern that need to be addressed

-Swartswood Lake lowering will take place between 10/15/14 and 10/17/14.

Swartswood Lake Watershed Association Meeting: Mrs. Emmetts

A meeting was held on 9/6/14 and there is an issue with the NJDEP, Office of Natural Land Management, which will not permit weed removal in certain sections of the lake that are becoming stagnant. The Lotus is out of control and a specific acreage of removal was agreed to but has not been adhered to by the NJDEP. There are two new Lotus beds – Hendershot’s Cove and Neldon’s Brook – Indian Creek. Mrs. Emmetts, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Ellis and Ms. Chevrestt will meet this week and if there is no resolution a complaint may be filed with the Office of the Inspector General. Additional Water Chestnut was also found and removed.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder, Secretary