

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
November 10, 2014**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Klimek, Mr. Blanchard

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.

Minutes

Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 9/8/14, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

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

Bills

Mr. Szabo 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, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Szabo, yes, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby, yes, Mrs. Branagan, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:13 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed 7:13 p.m.

Correspondence:

ANJEC Resource Paper – “Open Space is Good Investment”

Old Business

Sustainable Jersey: Stillwater Township received Sustainable Jersey bronze certification. All thanked and congratulated Ms. Fobes-Jacoby.

Paulinskill River Clean Up:

Mrs. Branagan reported the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
Trash/Scrap Metal	218
Aluminum	30
Plastic Bottles	30
Glass	111
Cardboard	7
Mixed Rigid Plastic	220
Miscellaneous Trash	<u>307</u>
Total:	812 pounds

30+ tires with and without rims
Saddleback Road is a mess again.

Mr. Branagan reported the litter sign on Old Foundry has been knocked over again and three bags of trash were dumped. The DPW re-installed the sign and removed the trash.

Veterans Memorial Park (VMP) Recycling Receptacle:

A location for placement of the shed needs to be designated by the Recreation Commission. Mrs. Wunder will follow-up with Ms. Gullette, Chair of the RC. The EC suggested placing the shed between the flag pole and existing shed along the paved trail.

Mixed Rigid Plastics (MRP):

Ms. Chamings has not addressed this issue with the Township Committee as she is trying to work on bringing E-Waste disposal back to the Recycling Center. Once that is done she and Mr. Branagan will follow-up with the Committee on MRP disposal.

Mr. Branagan reported that SCMUA has an area framed with concrete plastic for MRP disposal; once the area is filled it is then transferred to a container.

Mr. Branagan expressed concern with the co-mingled containers at the Recycling Center and items that do not belong. He felt it needed more oversight.

Fishing Line Receptacles:

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported the receptacle on Saddleback Road is jammed; Mr. Branagan will repair it.

Stream Water Testing: Mr. Branagan provided a map of the stream water testing sites and Mrs. Wunder will update the sites to include site #8 and #9.

Sustainable Jersey: Ms. Fobes-Jacoby will attend a luncheon next Tuesday at the League of Municipalities in Atlantic City with Mrs. Schwartz and Committeewoman Straway to accept a plaque for the Sustainable bronze certification.

New Business:

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area – Vision 2030:

Mr. Szabo will send a letter to Johnny Carawan, Management Assistant, to address concerns with the report. It will be from Mr. Szabo, however, if anyone has concerns they would like included please let him know.

Water Quality Management (PAC) Sussex County Water Management Plan Review:

A copy was provided by Mr. Blanchard and emailed to the EC members for their review and comments.

Zoning Board applications:

Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to accept the following site survey reports, seconded by Mr. Branagan: Patrick, Block 703, Lot 1.03, pole building

Mackey, Block 703, Lot 2, pole building

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

Endangered and Threatened Species:

There was a bobcat sighting on Old Schoolhouse Road. Mr. Branagan will contact the State regarding having a speaker on endangered and threatened species provide a presentation at a future EC meeting.

Budget Worksheet Review 2015:

Following review, Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to recommend the following 2015 budget to the Township Committee, seconded by Mrs. Tracey:

Advertising:	\$ 125.00
Forms/Books:	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies:	\$ 200.00

Membership:	\$ 400.00
ERI:	\$ 500.00
Stream Water Testing:	\$ 0.00 *Testing is done every other year
Community Outreach/Events:	\$ 200.00
Seminars/Training:	\$ 300.00
Printing:	\$ 500.00 *Changed from Open Space Brochure
Miscellaneous:	\$ 100.00
*Line Item to be added for Mileage (travel for water testing, site inspections, etc.) \$200.00	
Total:	\$2,625.00

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

Annual Report 2014: Mrs. Emmetts

The Annual Report for 2014 was drafted by Mrs. Emmetts and distributed to the EC for their review and input. Mrs. Emmetts noted January, February, November and December items needed to be added if necessary. This will be added to the December agenda.

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

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

Mr. Szabo expressed concerns with both the League of Municipalities (LOM) and ANJEC becoming too political. He referenced a Star Ledger article dated June 13, 2013, with negative comment from the Governor regarding the LOM. In November, Mr. Szabo stated he received information from ANJEC telling him how to vote. He felt they should stick to environmental issues.

Mr. Szabo referred to several articles on climate change/global warming and offered to have the packets copied for those interested. He felt the articles had balanced information for both sides of the argument but indicative that there is no know scientific fact to support it.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Szabo and Mr. Branagan agreed that each would provide six to ten articles on the subject and Mrs. Wunder would email them to the EC.

Planning Board (PB) Liaison Report: October meeting was cancelled. No report.

Township Liaison Report: Committeewoman Chammings

-Amendment to the cat/dog ordinance limiting the number of each by block and lot is being considered. Ms. Chammings disagreed with limiting and questioned how apartment buildings would be handled as there are several units on one block and lot. The ordinance was tabled and is back on the agenda for the next Township Committee meeting. She questioned at what point the matter should be handled by the Board of Health.

-The proposal for the meeting room renovations was reviewed and is moving forward.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder, Secretary