

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Klimek, Mrs. Emmetts

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. Branagan made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 12/9/13, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

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

Bills

Mrs. Tracey made a **motion** to approve the following bills, pending availability of funds, seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby:

Secretary:	\$ 195.00
NJH	\$ 8.10
ANJEC Membership	\$340.00

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

Correspondence: None

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:06 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed 7:06 p.m.

Old Business

Sustainable Jersey (SJ):

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported the PSE&G grant applications were submitted and at this point there had been no notification back. The Green Team is working toward certification and considering mini-events such as native plants, composting, rain barrels, etc.; as well as mini workshops in conjunction with other municipalities. Mr. Blanchard stated there have been similar workshops held in the area at such places as Lusscroft Farm; Ms. Fobes-Jacoby would check on whether this would be an option or not.

Land Conservancy/ERI - Maps:

Mr. Klimek had reviewed the revised maps noting some roads are not named and should be included. The EC agreed Mr. Branagan could contact Barbara Heskins at the Land Conservancy to see if it would be possible to include all of the road names on the maps.

Anti-Idling Resolution: The resolution was forwarded to the Township Committee on 1/23/14.

Tree Ordinance:

The tree ordinance was tabled by the Township Committee; Mr. Branagan will redraft the ordinance for the next Committee meeting on 2/18/14. He will speak to the Zoning Officer prior to doing so for her input and clarification as many items addressed in the amended ordinance are already addressed in the current ordinance.

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

Surveillance Camera: Mr. Branagan spoke with the Township Attorney who indicated it would be very difficult to install a camera without an ordinance in place. Mr. Klimek provided an email report indicating he spoke with Bob Olsen regarding the recurring dumping problem on Partridge Road and Mr. Olsen said he would have the tires and garbage cleaned up once the snow is gone. They will also remove the tires located off of Partridge Road. He discussed the installation of a gate, however the last time one was installed it was stolen.

Recycling Ordinance Review/Recycling Center Report:

Mr. Branagan met with Ms. Chammings and Mr. Fisher at the Recycling Center to discuss the layout, purchase of a new shed, and mixed rigid plastic collection.

Mr. Branagan reviewed the revisions to the Recycling Ordinance as follows:

344-3 Delivery to Recycling Center

1. Newspaper
2. Mixed paper – junk mail, office paper, magazines, paperback books, hard covered books with covers removed, *wrapping paper
3. Cardboard – chipboard, cereal boxes, etc.; corrugated cardboard book covers, cardboard tubes.
4. Co-mingled materials – glass bottles, tin cans, plastic containers #1-7, wax covered cartons – milk containers, ice cream and juice containers.
5. Aluminum cans.
6. Metal of all kinds.
7. Motor oil kerosene, diesel fuel.
8. Batteries – all rechargeable batteries, button type batteries, all 12 and 6 volt batteries.
9. *CDs only – not in plastic cases.

*Mr. Branagan would clarify the disposal of these items and also whether or not paper bags are with mixed paper or cardboard.

344-5 Fees: UPDATED FEES TO BE INSERTED

Add Section for E-Waste - *NOTE if the township has a vendor the service is FREE; if no vendor then there is a charge.

After discussing the amendments, Ms. Chammings offered to meet with Recycling Coordinator Keith Whitehead in March to review the updated fees and public handout, as well as updates for Section 344-3.

Veteran's Memorial Park (VMP) – Recycling Receptacle – Grant Opportunity:

The Recreation Commission (RC) meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and the deadline for the grant was 2/6/14. Mr. Branagan will attend the next RC meeting on 3/3/14. Ms. Chammings suggested revamping the old shed from the Recycling Center to use as a recycling shed at VMP.

Fishing Line: The line was mailed to Berkeley Recycling, 1900 18th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa, 51360.

New Business

Oil Leak on Route 94, Fredon:

Mrs. Tracey reported she had contacted Pat Hamilton, State Fisheries Biologist for this area, who indicated the storm drain empties into a field on Route 94. The NJDEP felt the water did not need to be tested and Mrs. Tracey will inform Ms. Hamilton. Mr. Blanchard was concerned with top soil contamination in the field and again indicated he smelled the odor from the spill a mile downstream. He will mention the issue at the next PAC Water Quality meeting under the watershed update topic.

Landfill Water Testing: Ms. Chammings stated Mr. Klimek had questioned why the water is still being tested at the landfill if it is a closed contaminated site. She stated the township is required to continue to monitor the site even though it is closed under NJPDES; pollutant discharge must be monitored and four sites are tested.

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 8:03 p.m.

There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 8:03 p.m.

Planning Board (PB) Liaison Report: The January 2014 meeting was cancelled.

Township Liaison Report: Committeewoman Chammings

-The Tree Ordinance was tabled.

-A shed purchase for the Recycling Center was approved.

-The Planning Board will meeting on 2/19/14.

-The Zoning Board met on 1/27/14 and discussed the need to review solar ordinances; lakeside setbacks; and cell towers on township property.

Minutes

Mrs. Tracey made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 1/22/14, seconded by Mr. Branagan.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Fleck, yes, Mrs. Tracey, yes, Mr. Nystrom, yes, Mr. Branagan, yes

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Szabo made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder, Secretary