

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
April 11, 2016**

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

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

Mr. Szabo called the meeting to order at 7:10 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.

Mr. Branagan arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes

Mrs. Tracey made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 3/14/16, seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby.

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

Bills

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

Secretary: \$202.88

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

There was no public present at the meeting.

Correspondence:

-Sussex County Day, May 1, 2016: Ms. Fobes-Jacoby will participate as a member of the Green Team and Environmental Commission

-Open Space Grant Application – Submitted March 31, 2016

-Email – Nathaniel Sajdak, re: Tree Restoration Project – tentatively set for early May

-NJDEP: National Trails Day, Saturday, June 4, 2016

-NJDEP: Recreational Trails Program grant application package – deadline May 15, 2016 – Mr. Branagan and Ms. Fobes-Jacoby will review the application form to determine if a package should be submitted by the EC.

Old Business

Sustainable New Jersey (SJ):

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported 70 points are banked in the application; 20 ERI and 50 for Direct Install. Actions being considered for a total of 170 points are as follows:

-Buy Fresh/Buy Local

-Adopt Behavioral Policies

-Recycling Paper Purchasing

-Watershed Clean Up

Additional categories may be needed – possibly Animals in the Community and the amphibian crossing. Other items included Cut It and Leave It and Composting.

Mr. Branagan arrived at this time.

Paulinskill River Tree Restoration Project:

Mr. Branagan corresponded with Mr. Sajdak through email and Mr. Sajdak projected a target date for planting in early May. He will plan and contact the Ridge and Valley Charter School to help complete the project.

The trees are located at the Pinelands Nursery located in Columbus, New Jersey, Burlington County. The trees will be delivered to the Chatterbox in early May and Mr. Branagan and Mr. Szabo will pick them up. The trees are between 3 and 6 feet in height. Additional volunteers are needed.

Fishing Line Receptacles:

Receptacle collection has resumed with April 9th opening day of trout season.

EC Newsletter:

This item is ongoing as information and articles are submitted.

2016 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant:

Mr. Branagan provided the grant application to Barbara Heskins of the Land Conservancy for her review. She felt the application was very good and is hopeful we will get it. The application was submitted on March 31, 2016 by the Municipal Clerk.

Clean Water Day:

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported the day must be held between March 1st and April 30th. It can also be done outside of this time period but the date must be named in advance. Clean Communities funding is available and if this event is eligible for such funding, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby will send letters to the lake associations. The event will increase the tonnage and would be similar to Clean Up Day.

Recycling Center:

Mr. Branagan reported that no signs have been installed as of this date. Mr. Branagan suggested using the information board, originally located outside the town hall and no longer being used, at the Recycling Center. He will follow-up with Mr. Gross.

PAC Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2016

Mrs. Tracey will attend the meeting.

New Business

Stream Water Testing: Testing will be done during the Spring 2016, funded through the PSE&G grant. Mr. Branagan will organize, obtain containers, etc. He will let the EC know the exact date once chosen and EC volunteers will be needed.

Environmental Recognition:

Mr. Carbone and Mr. Branagan for their work on the Open Space Stewardship Grant application; Mrs. Branagan for her proofreading skills; Barbara Heskins of the Land Conservancy for her assistance and Ms. Fobes-Jacoby for her Green Team work.

Endangered and Threatened Species Sightings: None

Clean Up Day: Saturday, April 23, 2016

“Free” Shredding will be available at Clean Up Day from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 2,000 seedlings will be given away and “Free” tire drop off will be offered both April 23rd and April 24th, four tire limit. This information needs to be provided to the public through Facebook and on the township website. Leftover seedlings will be handed out on May 1st at Sussex County Day.

Planning Board (PB) Liaison Report: Ms. Chamblings

- Schmidt resolution for a site plan waiver was memorialized – pole barn.
- YMCA resolution for a site plan waiver was memorialized – duplex.

Township Liaison Report: Committeewoman Chamblings

- Brandon Morgan resigned from his DPW/Recycling Center position; the Township Committee is holding off on replacing him until the DPW contract is ratified.
- Steven Straub was appointed to the Zoning Board.
- Statewide Grant Program: Ms. Chamblings suggested replacing the light in the parking lot with motion sensor lighting.
- Property Donation Request: Anne Road – This item was put on hold to review access to adjoining State property and to inquire if there are road or association dues related to the property.
- The Rescue Squad has asked Township Committee permission to have a mural painted on the exterior back wall of the town hall.
- Budget Hearing/Adoption at the next Township Committee meeting to be held on April 19th.
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Gypsy Moth Spraying will be conducted in May; grant funding - \$40,000; cost to township - \$130,000
- Bridge on Stillwater Road (Middleville Road intersection) to be repaired.
- Fairview Lake Road bridge will be closed from 6/15 through 9/15/16 for repairs.
- Bond ordinance to be introduced for Old Schoolhouse Road repairs and drainage.
- Stillwater School Garden Project was awarded a grant from the New Jersey Agriculture Society for Schools.
- Possible engineering study to be conducted for additional stop signs to be installed at Five Points intersection.

No public was present at the meeting.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mrs. Emmets made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder, Secretary