

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
May 11, 2015**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Fleck, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Danesi

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. 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 4/13/15, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

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

**Bills**

Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to approve the following bills, pending availability of funds, seconded by Mr. Szabo:  
Secretary: \$198.90

NJH Reorganization: 132.60

**Roll Call Vote:** Mrs. Emmetts, 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 7:10 p.m. There being no one from the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 7:10 p.m.**

**Correspondence:**

Budget Memo – CFO: 2015 Approved Environmental Commission Budget

**Old Business**

**Sustainable Jersey (SJ) Update:** Ms. Fobes-Jacoby attended the first Sussex County Day held on May 3, 2015 from 1-4 p.m., and open to all municipalities. The Municipal Alliance and Green Team participated. There were many Environmental Commissions present; it was a day of exhibits, activities, networking, and a fire department tug-o-war was held. The EC should consider participating in the future. The Green Team is currently launching an anti-idling campaign for Sustainable Jersey points. Each week a new anti-idling point will be included in the school newsletter. Local bus stops and the drop off point at the school are being monitored for idling issues.

**Paulinskill River Clean Up:** Mr. Blanchard is expected back in May and the cleanup will move forward in June.

**Recycling Ordinance Revisions Update:** This item is on hold pending the updating of the County ordinance to be used as a model.

**Recycling Center:** Mr. Branagan expressed concern with the conditions at the Recycling Center and the lack of organization, litter scattered all over and the terrible condition of the entrance road. Mr. Szabo offered to attend the next Township Committee meeting to address the concerns with the Committee. Ms. Chamings noted an additional employee will be hired but this has not been done yet due to Civil Service procedures. SLAP is also supposed to provide help to clean up the center. The trash needs to be covered to prevent it from blowing all over and to keep the bears from pulling the trash out of the containers. Mr. Szabo suggested visiting other recycling center sites in the County that are well-organized and offer such sites to the Township Committee to use as a model.

**Mixed Rigid Plastics Disposal:** No report at this time.

**Veteran's Memorial Park (VMP) Recycling Receptacle:** The shed has been moved to Ms. Chamings' property and needs some repair work. She suggested moving it to the Veteran's Memorial Park location prior to making the necessary repairs. The location needs to be approved by the Recreation Commission liaison.

**ERI Update:** Threatened and Endangered Flora and Fauna – Land Conservancy/NJDEP

The ERI update has been completed and the document is being merged by the Land Conservancy. Mrs. Wunder will follow-up with Mrs. Davis as to the status of the update.

**Fishing Line Receptacles:** Mr. Szabo made a **motion** authorizing Mr. Branagan to purchase the necessary items to complete two additional fishing line receptacles, not to exceed the cost of \$35.00, seconded by Mrs. Emmetts.

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

**New Business**

**Sussex County Open House – Open Space Committee:** Mr. and Mrs. Branagan, Mr. Szabo and Ms. Chamblings attended the open house held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. An accurate Stillwater open space map was provided to the County Open Space Committee. Following further discussion regarding a resolution supporting the continuation of the Sussex County farmland preservation, recreation and open space trust fund, Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** authorizing Mrs. Wunder to forward the resolution with a cover letter to the Township Committee asking them to consider its adoption and the importance of such, seconded by Mr. Branagan.

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

Mr. Szabo noted it should be expressed that this resolution is for the “continuance” of something that is existing.

**Veteran’s Memorial Park:** Passive Recreation Goals

- birdhouses
- educational signs
- trail maintenance on the passive side
- invasive removal

Mr. Szabo will contact George Lippencott to inquire if any Boy Scout troop members are interested in volunteering at Veteran’s Memorial Park. Mr. Branagan suggested forming a subcommittee at the next meeting to organize a list and a letter to the Municipal Clerk including the items that need addressing at the park.

**No Litter Sign:** Mr. Branagan reported the no littering sign on Old Foundry Road has been knocked down again and is now leaning against a tree and not supported in the ground. Mrs. Wunder will contact the DPW to address the matter.

**Site Survey Report:** Zoning Board

**Durkos, Block 3601, Lot 11.17** – demolish and rebuild a cabin on Swartwood Lake

Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to accept the site survey, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

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

**Threatened and Endangered Species Sightings:** No report.

**COLA Meeting – Coalition of Lakes Association:**

Mrs. Emmetts attended the last COLA meeting, including a group of 40 lakes. She asked if anyone knew of any lakes in the area that would like to join to please inform them of the association, noting there is a minimal fee to do so.

**Planning Board (PB) Liaison Report:**

- An application for a pole building was approved on Hardwick Road, with a condition that a future plan for the farm be submitted for the property.
- Minor lot line adjustments were discussed, streamlining the process to be less expensive.

**Township Liaison Report:** Committeewoman Chamblings

- Resident Cathy Feenstra attended the last Township Committee meeting asking for a drainage issue on her property to be addressed.
- The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Service for veterans will be held at 10 a.m. on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Presbyterian Church followed by a wreath placing at Veteran’s Memorial Park. The service is being chaired by Committeeman Gross.

- A capital ordinance was passed for the amount of \$53,000 for emergency response equipment.
- The bid advertisement for the town hall renovations is moving forward.
- A dog census was approved to be done this year.
- Ms. Fobes-Jacoby was appointed as the Clean Communities Coordinator.
- An Open Space Trust Fund discussion was held regarding the upcoming referendum, and Ms. Chammings felt the wording should be specific as to what the funding can be used for. She asked that a copy of the original referendum be provided to the EC.
- Interest has been expressed by the boy scouts to construct a pavilion, walkway and garden at Veteran's Memorial Park; memorial in nature. She provided a draft drawing of the project to the EC.

**Swartswood Park:** Mrs. Emmetts reported Swartswood Park will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Wunder, Secretary