

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**June 8, 2015**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Danesi, Mr. Branagan

Vice-Chairperson Mr. Szabo acted as Chairperson in the absence of Mr. Branagan.

Mr. Szabo 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 5/11/15, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Tracey. The approval of the bill for the New Jersey Herald reflected in the minutes of 5/11/15 in the amount of \$132.60 was incorrect. The correct amount was \$65.40.

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

**Bills**

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

Secretary: \$198.90

NJH Reorganization: 65.40

Mr. Branagan (fishing receptacle supplies): \$37.59

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

**At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:07 p.m. There being no one from the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 7:07 p.m.**

**Correspondence:**

June 9, 2015 – Van Saun Park, Paramus, 2015 Green Up Outdoor Vendor Show 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – emailed 5/11/15 – *Ms. Fobes-Jacoby indicated she would like to attend if anyone else was interested.*

SCMUA - DEP Grant Funding for specific recycling initiatives – emailed 5/14/15 – *Mr. Blanchard, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby and Mr. Branagan will form a subcommittee to review the grant options.*

*Mrs. Emmetts made a motion authorizing the subcommittee to apply for DEP grant funding for the Recycling Center, seconded by Mrs. Branagan.*

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

Fairview Lake & Watershed Conservation Foundation: Environmental Event, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. – emailed 5/14/15 – *Several EC members will attend the event.*

2015 NJDEP Recycling Awards Information Packet – emailed 6/1/15 - \*Paulinskill River Clean Up Project

**Old Business**

**Sustainable Jersey (SJ) Update:** Ms. Fobes-Jacoby submitted points to Sustainable Jersey. She discussed the different actions including a paper shredding day, conservation easements, brownfields, etc. The Open Space Plan is due to be updated in 2016. The Sustainable Jersey certification is effective through 2017; and 60 points were lost going into 2015.

**Paulinskill River Clean Up:** Mr. Blanchard described his experience in Nepal during a series of recent and devastating earthquakes. He met with Mr. Branagan and the Green Team. He needs to make a series of presentations to other Environmental Commissions (Hampton, Lafayette, Newton, Frelinghuysen were all mentioned as possibilities) and also to Water Quality Management (PAC). Three presentations must be made within the grant period. The possibility of creating a Paulinskill River Day in conjunction with other municipalities was discussed. An annual clean-up event could be very effective and successful and could be organized as simply

as the Stillwater Clean Up Day. Ms. Fobes-Jacoby mentioned the possibility of using Clean Communities funding. Mr. Blanchard reported that one of the branches of the river flowing in the area of Saddleback Road before Main Street must still be cleaned and a number of tires have been observed. He applied for the ANJEC grant for the trees but did not receive it. Ms. Fobes-Jacoby felt there may be sufficient funding to purchase the trees. The river clean up grant was for \$10,000 and he will meet with the CFO to review the list of expenditures.

**Veteran's Memorial Park – Recycling Shed:**

Mr. Szabo reported that he, Mr. Branagan, Ms. Chamblings and Mr. Blanchard cleaned out the shed debris and removed nails. Ms. Chamblings disposed of 273 pounds of debris removed from the shed. Miscommunication between parties was addressed and the process is moving forward. The shed must be completed by June 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Chamblings reported that she will meet with Mr. Fisher; Ms. Gullette, Mr. Ashley and Mrs. Richardson of the Recreation Commission to discuss the paint and repairs needed. The paint will be hunter green with brown trim to be aesthetically pleasing to the area. The shed has been locked for safety reasons and she noted the DPW agreed to the location. The EC members agreed to meet on Friday, 6/15/15 at VMP to install board and paint the shed. Holes also need to be cut for recycling disposal access. Ms. Chamblings will contact Mike Petruzzo and Eric Hornung for signs which may be donated or possibly funded through the Recycling Trust. Mr. Szabo had 55 gallon drums to use for disposal inside the shed.

**ERI Update:** Mr. Szabo briefly reported on his review of the ERI update. There are seven natural heritage sites in Stillwater, 15 endangered species and six habitat types. He reviewed the rank rarity of each animal/plant, wildlife species and insect habitats.

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

**Mixed Rigid Plastic:** No report.

**Fishing Line Receptacles:** Collection was provided.

**New Business**

**Veteran's Memorial Park (VMP):** Passive Recreation Goals

Mr. Szabo contacted Mr. Lippencott and he agreed to provide assistance with projects, possibly an Eagle Scout or environmental cooperation community involved project. A subcommittee can determine which type of project should be pursued and present it to Mr. Lippencott. Ms. Chamblings suggested focusing on the maintenance of the walking trail. Ms. Chamblings noted that SLAP has helped with maintenance in the past and could do so in the future. She felt it needed to be inviting and suggested the subcommittee walk the trail and determine what needs to be done. Mr. Szabo suggested including Mr. Lippencott.

Mrs. Branagan made a **motion** to form a subcommittee to walk the trail on the passive side of the VMP and provide a report at the next meeting, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

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

**Site Survey Report:** Zoning Board

**Symons, Block 1601, Lot 6.03 – Addition**

Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to accept the site survey, seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby.

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

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

**Recognition List:**

The following individuals were recognized for their assistance with the Recycling Shed at Veteran's Memorial Park:

Mr. Branagan, Mrs. Branagan, Ms. Chamblings, Mr. Szabo, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Danesi, Mike Danesi, Eric VanderHaeghen, Billy Oswin, and Castner's Saw Mill.

The Environmental Commission greatly appreciated all the help and hard work provided.

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

-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.

**At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 8:15 p.m. There being no one from the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 8:15 p.m.**

**Township Liaison Report:** Committeewoman Chamblings

-Capital Budget Spending Plan was reviewed and approved.  
-Willow tree was removed from Old Foundry Road.

**Mr. Szabo reported the following:**

STTA meeting to be held on 6/18/15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building; Kelsey Burgess, bear biologist will be in attendance, public invited.

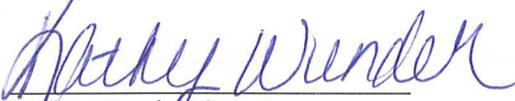
Paradise Fishing Club will hold an overnight Walleye contest on 6/27/15 on Swartswood Lake, from 4 p.m. 6/27 to 12 noon on 6/28/15.

**Mrs. Emmetts reported the following:**

The Swartswood Lake Association will hold its Spring Meeting on 6/20/15 at 10 a.m. at Camp Henry Hoover for those interested in attending.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathy Wunder, Secretary