

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
June 10, 2013**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Klimek, Mrs. Tracey

Mr. Blanchard arrived at 7:10 p.m.

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 Middleville, New Jersey.

The flag was saluted and roll call taken.

The following appointments were made by the Township Committee:

Ian Blanchard – Alternate #2

Kathy Fobes-Jacoby – Alternate #1

Michael Nystrom – Regular Member

All were sworn in by the Municipal Clerk prior to the meeting.

Minutes

Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 5/13/13, seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby.

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

Bills

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

Secretary: \$ 195.00

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

Correspondence:

2013 Governor's Excellence Environmental Awards – application due 9/6/13

A discussion was held with the EC agreeing to nominate Mr. Branagan. Mrs. Emmetts and Mr. Szabo were also commended for their environmental work. Ms. Fobes-Jacoby offered to start on the application.

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7: 07 p.m.

There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed 7:07 p.m.

Old Business

ERI/Land Conservancy:

Mr. Branagan reported he had received no response from the County with respect to the review/updating of the ERI. Following further discussion, Ms. Fobes-Jacoby made a **motion** to authorize the Land Conservancy to review the ERI and provide recommendations for updating the document for a fee of \$300, seconded by Mrs. Emmetts, with a timeline for completion to be included in the contract.

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

Sustainable Jersey:

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported actions would be submitted toward certification; however she will not pursue certification for this year. She will meet with the Clerk and Mrs. Wunder to obtain specific township information that is needed.

Municipal Orchard Update:

Mr. Blanchard had no update at this time.

No Littering Signs:

The sign information was forwarded to Econo Signs for a quote to be provided.

Anti-Idling Flyer:

The flyer will be updated with respect to Stillwater Township and the Green Team, Mrs. Wunder will try to do so from the document that was sent to her and permission from Warren Township for its use will be noted. Once updated, pricing will be obtained from Staples and the Print Center for distribution of the flyer through the school, town hall and local businesses. It will also be displayed on the township website and Facebook page. Mr. Branagan will obtain permission from Lakeland Bank to distribute the flyer at their local branch.

Route 521 – (2) 55 gallon drums (across from the Boathouse Restaurant):

A memo dated 6/7/13 was received from the Zoning Officer indicating she is following up on the issue with the Board of Health – Environmental Services, Applied Service and Schwan's. She is awaiting their response and will continue to pursue resolution of the matter. Mr. Branagan noted there are now three drums, one being located a little further up the road from the original two. Mr. Nystrom felt the NJDEP may not investigate such a small issue, but it could be reported to NJDEP Emergency Response. Mr. Branagan suggested taking the barrels to the SCMUA Hazardous Waste Disposal Day. He expressed concern with the leak entering the lake.

Solar Ordinance Review:

Mr. Branagan reported the Planning Board will be reviewing the model ordinances at their next meeting and this item is tabled until the July 8th EC meeting.

New Business

Recycling Receptacles:

Ms. Chamings reported that she has asked Mr. Hendershot, DPW Supervisor, to have the receptacles at the park emptied more frequently and to move two of them closer to the playing fields to resolve the trash issue and address concerns that have been expressed by those using the fields.

Fishing Line:

Mr. Branagan displayed the fishing line collection to this point, asking that all hooks, swivels, etc be removed when collecting the line. The fishing line will be displayed at Stillwater Day and the GreenFest.

Zoning Board Site Survey: Block 1102, Lot 25, Mueller – deck (lakeside)

Mr. Szabo made a **motion** to accept the site survey for Mueller, Block 1102, Lot 25, seconded by Mrs. Emmetts.

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

At this point, the EC welcomed Mr. Blanchard to the EC and looked forward to working with him.

GreenFest:

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby displayed the GreenFest brochure and reported the following:

- Vendors will be asked to include a fun aspect to their educational exhibit.
 - A fashion show will be held with fashions made entirely from recycled materials.
 - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle theme
 - A banner was purchased for the Green Team events (paid through the Recycling Trust)
 - Possible participants will include Genesis Farm, Lakeland Bank, Prius, Dodge Volt, as well as others.
- Mr. Branagan has also agreed to participate and will present ideas at a later date.

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:43 p.m.

Bill Steckowich, 907 Hardwick Road spoke with respect to the anti-idling signs, noting school bus stops are the worst offenders and signs should be posted in such areas. A discussion was held on possibly including anti-idling information in the school newsletter. Mr. Branagan will contact Mrs. Memmelaar to discuss doing so in the fall. Mrs. Fleck reported on a NJH article indicating coal can no longer be burned in the Pennsylvania plant located near the Delaware Water Gap to generate electricity. Sussex and Warren counties will no longer have the pollution generated as a result.

There being no further members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 7:47 p.m.

Planning Board Liaison Report:

Mr. Branagan reported the following from the Planning Board:

- Discussion was held on the Fairview Lake Camps Minisink Lodge rebuild.
- Reviewing solar panel ordinances.

Mrs. Emmetts questioned if roof mount solar panels would exceed the allowable building height of 35'. Ms. Chammings indicated the solar panels do not exceed the ridge line.

Township Liaison Report:

Ms. Chammings reported the following:

-Fairview Lake Camp Minisink Lodge – NJ Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit NJG0132578 was issued. The septic system is grandfathered and there will be no increase of water flow.

-PAC Meeting: Thursday, 6/13/13, Food to Water presentation, 7:30 p.m. in the Freeholders Room.

-Township Committee will meet on 6/11/13 and they approved the purchase of the anti-littering signs through the Clean Communities Fund at their last meeting.

-Township Committee approved the purchase of a roll-off for the Recycling Center.

-Construction debris at the Recycling Center is on the next Township Committee agenda.

-North Jersey Transit Planning Authority meeting, 6/17/13, at 2:45 p.m. – Ms. Chammings will send the link to Mrs. Wunder for EC email distribution.

Mr. Branagan referred to the no littering fines suggested to the Township Committee and felt they may be too strict. Mrs. Fisher has contacted the Township Attorney and the ordinance may have to be amended with specific fees to be enforceable in court.

Mr. Branagan spoke briefly about the Recycling Center and being asked not to retrieve items from the dumpsters due to liability issues. Ms. Chammings agreed it is not only a liability issue but could be considered removal of township property. Following further discussion on the Recycling ordinance, Ms. Chammings suggested the EC review the ordinance for possible updates. Mrs. Wunder would email the ordinance to the EC.

Swartswood State Park:

Mrs. Emmetts reported there are many trees down at the park and for a \$25 permit an individual can pick up two cords of wood, not aged, which may need to be cut smaller. She noted any pine wood was sent to the saw mill for recycling.

Mrs. Emmetts obtained an environmental exhibit box from the NJ RC&D, which she turned over to Ms. Fobes-Jacoby for the GreenFest. Brochures from the EPA will also be delivered to Mrs. Wunder for the GreenFest.

Mr. Branagan spoke about shows he did in Nutley this year where the Clean Communities Coordinator was in attendance. He spoke about the collection of techno trash displayed a brochure – dvds, cds, cassettes, etc. and will follow up to obtain information on the vendor that collects such items up.

Ms. Chammings reported that a 6' x 18" Green Team banner was donated by Stillwater residents Mike and Christine Petrullo, CCG Marketing Solutions.

Stillwater Day will be held on Saturday, 6/15/13 – 1 p.m. to dusk.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder, Secretary

Next Meeting: July 8, 2013