

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
September 9, 2013**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Nystrom

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.

Minutes

Mr. Szabo made a **motion** to approve the minutes of 8/12/13, seconded by Mrs. Emmetts.

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

Bills

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

Secretary: \$ 195.00

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

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:05 p.m.

Abby Schwartz, 915 Duck Pond Road explained she is a member of Jr. Girl Scout Troop 1065 and is working toward her bronze award. She explained the process to obtain the award and presented drawings she sketched of updated recycling signs she would like the EC to consider changing at the Recycling Center. She has been in contact with Mr. Whitehead, Stillwater Recycling Coordinator and Renee Casapulla of the SCMUA.

Amy Schwartz, 915 Duck Pond Road using her iPad displayed the signs as they will appear. Mrs. Schwartz stated Mr. Whitehead indicated the two biggest issues are plastic bags which are recyclable and alkaline batteries which are trash.

The EC reviewed the sign drawings and in response to questioning, Mrs. Schwartz indicated that five gallon containers are considered trash at the Recycling Center and the SCMUA charges for their disposal. Co-mingled plastics #1-7 are recyclable only, although other plastics may contain the triangle with a number. Mrs. Schwartz discussed the changes in the current signage and mentioned that wax covered boxes are acceptable in co-mingled. Abby Schwartz stated she drafted the proposed signage to help educate the public.

This item will be added to the next agenda for further consideration.

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported that a resident had mentioned the funnel for oil disposal at the Recycling Center is cracked and the oil leaks through to the ground. She asked if it would be possible to purchase a metal one with a locking device, noting the prior metal one was stolen. Ms. Chamings indicated this issue was discussed at the Township Committee level and she suggested following up with a memo to the Committee. The EC agreed.

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby questioned if it would be better to have one dumpster for all recyclables rather than separating the items. The EC felt it may be a question of revenue and multiple dumpsters would also be necessary. The EC discussed Recycling Center income and the Recycling Trust and Mrs. Wunder would ask Ms. Leonard, Account Clerk, if she could provide a report on the income and what recycling items the township is paid for.

There being no further members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed 7:35 p.m.

Old Business

Sustainable Jersey/GreenFest:

Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported the GreenFest was a successful event with over 200 participants. Project Trashway, Rizzo's Reptiles and the Historical Society's display were very popular. She is working in conjunction with other municipalities on the possibility of a joint event in the future. The Green Team will have a booth at the Historical Society Fall Fest to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Stillwater School. The next Green Team meeting will be held on October 2, 2013 and by that meeting, points will be compiled to date.

No Litter Signs: Proposed placement of the signs is as follows:

Maple Avenue, (Route 521)

Old Schoolhouse Road

Route 610 in the area of the County Garage

Paulins Kill Lake Road, (Route 614)

Route 622, Swartswood Road by the firehouse

East Shore Drive, (Route 619), in the area of Swartswood State Park

West Shore Drive, (Route 521), in the area of Sprout Hill Road

Route 612, in the area of Veterans Memorial Park

Middleville Road, in the area of Volunteer Field

Saddleback Road, in the area of the twin bridges

Hampton Road, in the area just before it meets Copeley Road

Mt. Benevolence Road, north of Owassa Road, in the area of Quick Pond (Route 617)

Route 610, south of LC Service parking lot

Possum Hill Road

Partridge Road

Cedar Ridge Road

Mt. Benevolence Road

Ridge Road

Old Foundry Road

End of Fairview Lake Road (Fiddler's Elbow pull-off)

Mr. Klimek and Mr. Branagan will stake the locations for the sign installation by DPW.

Route 521 – (3) 55 gallon drums (across from the Boathouse Restaurant):

Ms. Chamings reported there are now four barrels at the location. She will visit the site and confirm with Mrs. Wunder that they are still there so the Zoning Officer can be informed.

Recycling Ordinance Review: This item will be added to the October agenda.

The EC briefly discussed the expense to dispose of solid waste as opposed to revenue received for recycling items. Mr. Klimek felt no item should be accepted unless it is weighed. Ms. Chamings felt the best way to address any issues at the Recycling Center is to update the Recycling Ordinance. Following the discussion, Ms. Chamings agreed to research the duties of the Recycling Coordinator and would report at the next meeting. Mr. Szabo suggested Ms. Chamings contact Ms. Casapulla at SCMUA regarding information on municipalities that do not have recycling centers vs. those that do.

Ms. Chamings reviewed the well tests for the four wells at the Recycling Center property, noting iron levels are still high.

NJ Department of Agriculture Highlands Planning Grant (Municipal Orchard):

Mr. Blanchard reported the funding has been cut and the grant is no longer available. Stillwater is located in a planning area around the Highlands region. He is currently looking into another grant opportunity.

Pond/Fountain: Mr. Branagan spoke with Larry Kovar who indicated the blue dye is probably food coloring, it is safe and no permits are necessary. The dye inhibits sunlight and slows plant growth.

Lakeland Bank/Anti-Idling Signs: Mr. Branagan has been in touch with Tim Clegg, who requested a demo sign for the anti-idling sign at the bank. Mr. Branagan will draft one and present it at the next meeting.

New Business

Site Survey/Zoning Board: Block 3305, Lot 6, Martin – addition to existing garage

Mrs. Emmetts made a **motion** to accept the site survey for Block 3305, Lot 6, seconded by Mrs. Tracey.

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

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 8:20 p.m.

There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 8:20 p.m.

Planning Board (PB) Liaison Report: 8/21/13 PB Meeting

Mr. Branagan reported the following:

- Castner application for a 96' x 50' pole barn (4,800 sq. ft.) was approved for the storage of farm machinery.
- Solar ordinance was briefly reviewed.

Township Liaison Report: Committeewoman Chamblings – 9/3/13 TC Meeting

- Municipal Building renovations have begun, starting with leveling the concrete floor.
 - Estimate has been approved for uninterrupted telephone/cable service during construction.
 - Ms. Chamblings will follow up on Mr. Branagan's suggestion to install motion sensor lighting as part of the renovations as opposed to the spotlight currently in the parking lot.
 - A discussion was held on the drainage on West End Drive. The cost to address the matter would be \$50,000 with no guarantee there would be a resolution.
- Mr. Blanchard stated funding may be available under stormwater grant funding available from Hurricane Sandy. Ms. Chamblings felt such funding is more for run-off issues; this issue is a groundwater matter.
- The tree cutting ordinance was reviewed by the TC with Committeewoman Straway questioning the second paragraph and asking for clarification on whether or not it would still be 10% if a lot is less than an acre. Mr. Branagan will meet with the Zoning Officer to address the best way to clarify tree removal on smaller lots.
- Mr. Branagan asked when Middleville Road would be completed and Ms. Chamblings was not sure of the timing at this point.

Fishing Line: *REMINDER TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA EACH MONTH FOR COLLECTION

A receptacle will be added at the car top boat launch on Route 521 just past the mill next year.

Paulinskill River – Barbed Wire: Ms. Chamblings reported she spoke with the land owner, re: barbed wire crossing the Paulinskill River, who indicated he has placed ribbons in the water in the past and the cows ate them. He is willing to place more ribbons if necessary. Mr. Branagan suggested placing PVC piping on top of the wire. Ms. Chamblings noted the cows are permitted to cross the river. She contacted Nathaniel Sadjak but has not received a response to date and she will confirm his email address with Mrs. Wunder.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Szabo made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Emmetts. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder, Secretary