

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
October 19, 2015**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None  
Mrs. Fleck arrived at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Branagan called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 8/10/15, seconded by Ms. Fobes-Jacoby.

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

Secretary: \$202.88

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

**At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 7:15 p.m.**

**Chris Carbone** appeared before the Commission expressing interest in serving on the board. Mr. Carbone provided his background history, he is a lifelong resident, and cares deeply about the environment. Mr. Branagan provided a background on the activities of the Commission and Ms. Fobes-Jacoby described the Green Team and their goals toward Sustainable Jersey certification, actions and grant funding. Mr. Carbone is specifically interested in endangered species, invasives, waterways and keeping the trails maintained.

**There being no one from the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 7:25 p.m.**

Mr. Blanchard made a motion to recommend the appointment of Chris Carbone to the Alternate #2 position, term expiring 12/31/15, seconded by Mrs. Emmetts.

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

**Correspondence:**

Resignation – Josh Danesi, Alternate #2, term due to expire 12/31/15

Paulinskill Lake Draw-Down – October 15, 2015 through March 15, 2016

Veterans Memorial Park: Memo dated 8/19/15 sent to Sheriff Strada, re: SLAP trimming passive side trail

SLAP – Veteran's Park on 9/22, 9/28 and 9/29 – Thank you letter

90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – NJ Shade Tree Federation, 10/23 & 10/24, Atlantic City

CFO – Budget status as of 9/17/15 – emailed to EC 9/22/15

Resolution 2015-096 Acceptance of resignation of Alternate #2 EC member Josh Danesi

Sussex County Hazard Mitigation Actions – emailed to EC 9/14/15

10/14/15 – Letter from the SC Freeholders to Bob Martin, NJDEP, re: Swartswood Lake

Stillwater Township Purchasing Manual adopted by the Township Committee 10/14/15

A thank you letter will be forwarded to SLAP thanking them for their work at Veteran's Memorial Park on 9/22, 9/28, and 9/29; maintenance of the trails and trimming around the pond.

**Old Business**

**Sustainable Jersey (SJ) Update:** Ms. Fobes-Jacoby reported the Green Team is still working on obtaining points on various items and moving forward. Elaine Makarevich, teacher at Stillwater School, contacted the Green Team and the Environmental Commission to see if they would like to participate or assist with their proposed greenhouse

project. The project will be completed in three phases and the grant application to do so is currently being submitted. The Township Committee will provide a letter of support by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Paulinskill River Clean Up:** Mr. Blanchard presented his video presentation of the project. The EC commended Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Schroeder on their work. The video will be presented to the PAC, possibly at the library, and also to the Township Committee, and Ridge and Valley. It has also been shown at the Fairview Lake YMCA. Mr. Blanchard will meet with Nathaniel Sajdak to look at the Route 610 portion of the Paulinskill for stream bank restoration. Informal permission has been granted. A volunteer waiver will have to be signed, one for the township and one for the State. They have discussed species of trees to be used, Silver Maples and Sycamores being the best suited along the banks. Mr. Blanchard will meet with Blanca Chevrestt of the State Park to walk the site and planting will be done before the deadline of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Stream Water Testing:** Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Branagan will conduct the testing on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. Mr. Szabo may also assist. A new site has been added (#10) on Route 612 by Veteran's Memorial Park. Two samples will be taken – Fecal Coliform and E-Coli.

**Letters to NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin:** Mrs. Emmetts reported that Mr. Martin and three representatives will meet with the Swartswood Lake Watershed Association on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will observe the lake from two boats.

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

**Fishing Line Receptacles:** Collection was provided and Mr. Branagan will purchase a new cap for the receptacle at the boat launch at the State Park and install the two new receptacles.

### **New Business**

#### **Budget Worksheet 2016:**

Following review, Mr. Branagan made a **motion** to make the following recommendations for the 2016 Budget to the Township Committee, seconded by Mrs. Emmetts:

Advertising	\$ 125.00
Forms/Books	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies	\$ 200.00
Membership	\$ 400.00
ERI Resource Inventory	\$ 250.00
Stream Water Testing	\$1,600.00
Community Outreach/Events	\$ 200.00
Seminars/Training	\$ 300.00
Open Space Brochure	\$ 250.00
Printing	\$ 500.00
Mileage	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00
Total	\$2,880.00

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

**SCMUA:** The EC discussed inviting Renee Casapulla for a recycling presentation possibly in January or February. Recycling employees will be invited.

**Recycling Center:** Mr. Branagan will forward a memo to the DPW and Recycling Center liaisons, copied to Brian Hendershot, DPW Supervisor and Keith Whitehead, Recycling Coordinator, re: Recycling Center concerns – signs, styrofoam disposal and mixed rigid plastic disposal.

#### **Recycling Center Analysis:**

Mr. Szabo presented the following analysis to the EC:

**ANALYSIS OF CONVENIENCE CENTER****2014****FEES RECEIVED**

Solid Waste Receipts		
Tipping Fees	\$ 90,404.03	\$ 90,404.03
Recycling Receipts		
George's Salvage	\$ 9,384.00	
Lorco - Waste Oil	\$ 280.00	
Recycling Tonnage Grant	\$ 3,053.11	\$ 12,717.11

**TOTAL RECEIPTS:** \$ 103,121.14

**EXPENSES****PAYROLL**

RECYCLING COORDINATOR WAGES	\$ 1,536.00	
RECYCLING - P/T WAGES	\$ 10,506.00	
SOLID WASTE - P/T WAGES	\$ 10,974.14	
SOLIDS WASTE - CASHIER	\$ 5,128.87	\$ 28,145.01

TIPPING FEES - SCMUA	\$ 40,179.98	
PERMIT - WEIGHTS & MEASURES	\$ 100.00	
TRASH BAGS	\$ 695.38	
RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT PREP	\$ 250.00	
EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	\$ 588.72	
GRINNELL - ASPHALT RECYCLING	\$ 1,295.62	
BRUSH RECYCLING	\$ 1,470.00	
RICHIES TIRE SERVICE - RECYCLING	\$ 1,350.00	
PORTA-JOHN FEES - 12 MOS @ \$87	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 46,973.70

**TOTAL REGULAR EXPENSES:** \$ 75,118.71

**NET PROFIT** \$ 28,002.43

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**ONE-TIME EXPENSES**

NEW SHED	\$ 1,770.12	
ELECTRICAL WORK - SHED	\$ 1,950.00	
TIME CLOCK	\$ 228.40	
IMPROVEMENTS TO SHED, INCL'G FIXTURES	\$ 1,118.14	
E-WASTE CONTAINER	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 7,266.66

**PROFIT LESS ONE TIME EXPENSES:** \$ 20,735.77

**This does not include the cost of the Rolloff. It is currently charged to Vehicle Maintenance, not directly to either the Recycling Trust or Solid Waste O/E.**

**Environmental Commission Recognition:** The EC recognized Ms. Chammings and Mrs. Branagan for walking the trail at VMP; and Mr. Blanchard for his Paulinskill River Clean Up project video presentation.

**Threatened and Endangered Species Sightings - Stillwater:**

The following sightings were reported: Fisher cat in Stillwater  
A Mountain lion was sighted in a neighboring town.

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

The PB meeting was cancelled.

**Township Liaison Report:** Committeewoman Chammings

- Bill Morrison was appointed by the TC to fill the position of Township Committeeperson, vacated by the resignation of Anita Straway
- Several compliments were received on the recycling shed at VMP
- The trails have been cleared by SLAP at VMP
- Recreation Commission is moving forward with plans for a playground, pavilion and clearing invasives at VMP
- Land Use Board discussion has been on the TC agenda

**Other Items:**

Mr. Szabo referenced the following New Jersey Herald article:

Funkraiser' to raise money for local man

ANDOVER TWP. — The Greek's will host The Last Road Funkraiser, a benefit concert event to help Nicholas DeBlasio bring music to the children of Nepal, on Saturday starting at 7 p.m. The Greek's is located at 470 Route 206 South in Springdale, telephone

973-383-9626. The donation is \$10. Bands performing are: Fish House Road, of which DeBlasio is a member; Inner Vision, One Day Waning, Tongue & Groove and Tree Beard. There will also be a silent art auction.

DeBlasio is leaving Oct. 11 to join Ian Blanchard, of Stillwater, in Nepal, where Blanchard founded the Maya Universe Academy.

For more information and to help DeBlasio make the trip, visit <https://gofundme.com/ry5c7uz>

**Sussex County Open Space and Recreation Plan – 2015 Update:**

Municipal Outreach Meeting will be held at Stillwater Municipal Building on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. for those interested.

**At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public at 9:00 p.m.**

**There being no one from the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed at 9:00 p.m.**

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Szabo made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Emmetts. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathy Wunder, Secretary