

MINUTES OF THE WESTVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lovell at 7:06 p.m.

The "Open Public Meetings Act" notice was read and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was answered by Chairperson Lovell and Commissioners Adams, Callaghan, Horn and Alternate Sills. Commissioners Bittner and Domico were absent.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of March's meeting were previously e-mailed to the Commissioners. The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Callaghan, seconded by Commissioner Adams. The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan. Commissioner Horn abstained.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chair Lovell reported that the Commission has a total 2016 Budget of \$262.50 and a Grant Budget of \$634.94.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT - no report

ANNUAL REPORT – Commissioner Horn is working on the 2014 and 2015 reports.

DEP Hazardous Discharge Notices – none were received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stream Monitoring Workshop - is scheduled for Saturday May 21 from 10AM to 1PM. The morning session will take place in the Community Center with a power point presentation on biological stream monitoring by our Watershed Ambassador Alissa Ambacher. The group will then proceed to the stream for hands on collection and identification. The Commission will be serving morning refreshments.

Wildflower Meadow at Anderson's Construction - no update

Bat House Project - Chair Lovell stated that at the last Boro Council meeting some residents of West Park Manor Apts complained that they had bats in some of the buildings. Chair Lovell contacted Fish & Wildlife and obtained the regulations on bat control and emailed them to members of Council and the Commission. She also contacted Western Pest Control who had supplied bat nets to the West Park buildings in 2013. The Boro is addressing the issue.

Commissioners are still discussing how they might want to build and offer bat houses to anyone interested. Commissioner Horn will go on the Bat Conservation web site for more information.

Proposed 2016 Budget

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| ANJEC membership | \$360 (paid) |
| Bat House Project | cost t/b/d |
| Bird Quest Sponsor | \$100 (paid) |
| Interpretive signs for park | cost t/b/d |
| South Jersey Land & Water Trust membership | \$100 (paid) |
| Stone screening for garden path | \$ 54 |
| Plants for gardens | \$100 |
| Stream Monitoring Workshop refreshments | \$100 |
| 2 nd turtle deck | cost t/b/d |

NEW BUSINESS

Lion's Club Yard Sale – May 7th – The Commission will have a table & sell plants, offer information on pollinators, including bats, and have a kids' activity of planting squash seeds in cups to take home with them.

Water Department - The Boro is considering selling the water department to a private vendor. Chair Lovell was invited by the Mayor to sit on an Advisory Committee to study this.

EVENT CALENDAR

Open the Parks – Saturday March 19 Commissioners met at the flower bed at the intersection of Broadway and Delsea Drive to see what work was needed at this flower bed.

Wednesday, March 23 Commissioners Horn, Lovell & Adams cleaned up litter around and in the pond perimeter. Commissioner Callaghan cleaned up litter along the stream.

Wednesday March 30 Commissioners Callaghan and Lovell continued cleaning along the stream along Boundry Lane.

Gloucester County Clean Communities Grant – On Saturday, April 23, from 9AM to 2PM, Commissioners along with additional volunteers will participate in this County clean-up in order to earn a \$500.00 grant for the Commission.

Gloucester County Bird Quest will be held on Saturday, May 7. Commissioner Adams stated she may participate this year.

CAPITAL PROJECTS – none at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants – Commissioner Horn - no report

Membership – Alternate Sills will bring new membership forms to the Lion's Club Yard Sale.

Water Quality - Commissioner Adams – no report

Infrastructure / Site Plan – Commissioner Bittner - no report

Air Quality – Chair Lovell - no report

PR / Materials Procurement - Commissioner Callaghan has requested free literature and brochures from the DEP.

Info Tech / Blog – K. Baker – no report

Community Advisory Panel – April’s meeting will feature a discussion on the history of Soupy Island.
Education / Community Outreach – no report

TRAINING – no report

PUBLIC AWARENESS & EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS – Commissioners will bring ideas to the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS – no report

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

NEXT MEETING – May 4, 2016

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM on a motion by Alternate Sills seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Submitted by: Ginger Horn
Recording Secretary
May 1, 2016