

MINUTES OF THE WESTVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lovell at 7:08 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 and Horn. Commissioners Bittner and Domico were absent.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of January'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 need to be approved with a quorum that includes Alternate Commissioner Sills.

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:

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

Water Quality Testing at the stream – 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 will contact a West Deptford Eagle Scout she read about who is building and installing bat houses as his Eagle Scout project. She will ask him for advice and particulars on how we may want to proceed with our project.

EVENT CALENDAR

Open the Parks – Saturday March 19. Commissioners will meet at the flower bed at the intersection of Broadway and Delsea Drive to work on the bed and will proceed to Thomas Park for a clean-up.

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.

CAPITAL PROJECTS – none at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants – Commissioner Horn - no report

Membership – Alternate Sills – no report

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 - Chair Lovell and Commissioner Adams attended the February CAP meeting, where Richard Dilks gave a presentation on the new Tall Pines State Park (the former Maple Ridge Golf Course).

Education / Community Outreach – no report

TRAINING

ANJEC – Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions was held on 3/5/16, from 9 am to 1:30 pm at the West Deptford River Winds Community Center. Commissioners Lovell, Adams and Callaghan attended.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed a proposed 2016 budget. Details are still being worked out.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Notification of a PSEG Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit #1 for maintenance, replacement and repair of natural gas lines was received.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

The Commission purchased a tray of subs and sides from Broadway Deli for the Public Works Department in December as our way of thanking them for all their help with our projects throughout the year. The cost was \$63.13 and was paid out of the 100th Anniversary Parade Award money the Commission received in 2014.

NEXT MEETING - April 6, 2016

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM on a motion by Commissioner Horn, seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Submitted by: Ginger Horn

Recording Secretary

April 3, 2016