

MINUTES OF THE WESTVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 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.

Watershed Ambassador Allissa Ambacher was in attendance.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chair Lovell reported that the Commission has a total 2016 Budget of \$1,000.00 and a Grant Budget of \$634.94.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT - Commissioner Callaghan sent out notices on the upcoming Stream Monitoring Workshop to the Courier-Post, Gloucester City News, and the South Jersey Times. Commissioner Horn sent the notice to the Monroe Township Green Team, ANJEC and the Philadelphia Inquirer.

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

DEP Hazardous Discharge Notices – none were received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stream Monitoring Workshop – Saturday May 21 from 10AM to 1PM - Watershed Ambassador Allissa Ambacher explained the purpose of learning how to monitor the stream, and discussed her presentation and what materials she would provide and what the Commission needed to provide. The morning session will take place in the Community Center with a power point presentation on biological stream monitoring. 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 - Commissioner Horn stated that after further review of the project, she is recommending that it be shelved, due to the amount of time and labor it would involve for the Commission.

Bat House Project - Commissioner Horn said she would go to the Bat Conservation web site for plans and drawings for bat houses. Commissioner Adams stated one of the GC Certified Gardeners built birdhouses, and he might help the Commission with their project.

Possible Sale of Water & Sewer Departments - Chair Lovell reported that Remington & Vernick Engineers are preparing a system evaluation of the Boro's water and sewer systems for presentation to Council, upon which Council will make a decision whether to sell it, or not. If Council decides to sell, voters must approve it through a Referendum on the November ballot.

Proposed 2016 Budget

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	\$250
Mulch for gardens	free from Pitman

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Horn, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve \$250.00 for materials to be purchased by the Public Works Dept. so they can make a second turtle deck for the pond. This deck will be placed at the north end of the pond.

EVENT CALENDAR

Rain Garden Maintenance – Commissioners spent 13.5 hours weeding the rain garden.

Gloucester County Clean Communities Grant – Saturday, April23, 8:30AM to noon - Commissioners Horn and Lovell, Commissioner Callaghan and her grandson, Alternate Commissioner Sills and her two grandsons, and Krista Tinney and her two great-nephews picked up trash in West Deptford in order to earn a \$500.00 grant for the Commission.

Gloucester County Bird Quest will be held on Saturday, May 7. No Commissioners will be participating this year.

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.

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 – no report

Info Tech / Blog – K. Baker – no report

Community Advisory Panel – Commissioners Lovell and Adams attended April’s meeting which featured 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 - none

NEXT MEETING – June 1, 2016

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM on a motion by Commissioner Horn, seconded by Commissioner Adams.

Submitted by: Ginger Horn
Recording Secretary
May 30, 2016