

MINUTES OF THE WESTVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lovell at 7:01 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 and 1st Alternate Sills. Commissioners Bittner and Domico were absent.

Two members of the public attended.

This meeting was held in the pastor's office of Straight Line Church (formerly St. Luke's) as the Community Center was being prepared for Election Day.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Not available

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chair Lovell reported that the Commission's 2016 Budget is \$1,739.61. The municipal Budget is \$1,000.00 and the Grant Budget is \$739.61. On a motion by Alternate Sills, seconded by Commissioner Adams, a motion was approved to pay \$11.00 to Bellia Printing for public education materials used for the sale of bat houses at the Lion's Club Yard Sale and the Westville Fall Festival.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT - Chair Lovell requested thank you notes be sent to Wheelabrator and Public Works for their help on Make A Difference Day on October 29.

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

DEP Hazardous Discharge Notices – none were received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Possible Sale of Water Department - Chair Lovell reported that there was Aqua Information meeting held at the Community Center on October 19, and a Public Hearing held in Council Chambers on October 24. The November ballot will contain a question asking voters to approve the sale of the Water Dept. to Aqua Water Co.

2016 Budget

ANJEC membership	\$360 (paid)
Bat House Project	\$233.82 (paid)
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 (postponed until Spring 2017)
Plants for gardens	\$100 (postponed until Spring 2017)
Stream Monitoring Workshop refreshments	donated from ShopRite
2 nd turtle deck	\$172.51 (paid)
Mulch for gardens	free from Pitman

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission's annual membership fee of \$100.00 in South Jersey Land and Water Trust is due Nov. 1. On a Motion by Alternate Sills, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan, motion was approved to pay the fee.

EVENT CALENDAR

Lion's Club Yard Sale – Sat., Oct 8 - Commissioners Callaghan, Lovell and Sills sold 2 bat houses and distributed information on the usefulness of bats in controlling the mosquito populations and flyers from the County Health Department on Zika and mosquitoes.

Westville Fall Festival - Sat., Oct 15 – Commissioners Callaghan and Lovell and Commissioner Callaghan's grandchildren Ethan and Christina Callaghan. Commissioners sold 5 bat houses and distributed information on the usefulness of bats and information on mosquitoes. Christina Callaghan volunteered to maintain the Commission's blog site.

Make a Difference Day – Sat., Oct 22 – Commissioners Callaghan, Horn, Lovell and Alternate Sills and Ethan Callaghan and 5 local organizations cleaned areas of Westville and Wheelabrator. The 5 groups were: Parkview Elementary School, Bible Church of Westville, Womens Club of Westville, and Westville United Methodist Church. Each of these groups qualified for the \$500.00 Gloucester County Clean Community Grant by participating in the clean-up. Wheelabrator provided coffee and donuts in the morning and lunch at 11:30. They also provided vests, gloves, pickers and bags, and no tipping fee for the trash collected. 720 lbs. of trash and 480 lbs. of recyclables were collected. Westville Public Works picked up the trash and recyclables from the various clean up locations. On a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Alternate Sills, the Commission approved giving Wheelabrator 1 bat house for their Wildlife Refuge.

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 – C. Callaghan – no report

Community Advisory Panel – Chair Lovell reported that the Nov. 30 meeting will feature Richard Burr's presentation on Washington Park.

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 – December 7, 2016

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM on a motion by Alternate Sills, seconded by Commissioner Horn.

Submitted by: Ginger Horn
Recording Secretary
December 5, 2016