

MINUTES OF THE WESTVILLE ENVIROMENTAL COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lovell at 7:12pm. The "Open Public Meetings Act" notice was read and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was answered by Chairperson Lovell, and Commissioners Callaghan, Adams, Waters and 1st alternate Stills. Commissioners Horn, Bittner and Domico were absent.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of January's meeting were read by the Commissioners, corrected and approved by motion by Commissioner Callaghan and seconded by Alternate Stills.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The balance carried over from 2016 is \$531.11.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: no correspondence reported.

DEP HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE NOTICES: no hazardous discharges reported.

OLD BUSINESS: Review of environmental bylaws, for possible modification. Copies of bylaws given to Commissioners.

2017 BUDGET: balance as of February 1, 2017 is \$1074.00

EVENT CALENDER: no work scheduled for gardens for the month of February.

CAPITAL PROJECTS: Chairperson Lovell stated that there are several grants available from Anjec for projects completed and approved by Commissions. Several projects were proposed for consideration. Chairperson Lovell suggested the possibility of planning a bike/walking trail through Westville that would link up to other towns. A general discussion ensued, Chairperson Lovell will speak with the Council concerning the possibility/probability of establishing a bike/walking trail.

Invasive species, the removal of purple loosestrife growing at the pond.

Signage, explaining the repair and improvements of pond banks.

Signage, to identify open access to waterways in Westville. Chairperson Lovell will check with council for permission to use signage.

Chairperson Lovell will contact Anjec about the possibility of obtaining grants for above projects.

Commissioner Waters suggested the following project ideas for consideration:

Growing tomato plants for sale, seeds will be purchased from Rutgers University. Weather station that would involve the public school, possible reporting on general electronic bill boards. Using electronic media to inform public of Environmental Commission activities. Solar/water generating electricity, grants are possible.

ACTIONS TAKEN: The commission will adopt the Tomato project, the motion was presented by Commissioner Callaghan and seconded by Alternate Stills. The Tomato Project will be the Environmental project for 2017. Maximum expenditure will be no more than \$100.

A grant will be submitted to Anjec for the weather station project. Commissioner Waters made a motion to apply for a grant with Anjec for the project. The motion was seconded by Alternate Stills.

Bird Quest, a motion was made by Commissioner Callaghan and seconded by Alternate Stills to sponsor Bird Quest for 2017.

Earth Day clean-up, Alternate Stills made a motion for the Westville Environmental Commission to participate in the clean-up scheduled for April 29, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Callaghan.

The next scheduled meeting is March 1, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully Recorded

Lenore Adams

Recording Secretary

