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(Approved At February 4, 2016 Meeting)

Minutes of January 7, 2016 Reorganization Meeting

The reorganization meeting was called to order by Secretary Dorothy Hunter. Present tonight were Leon Lakritz, Vicky Binetti (by phone), Harry Larzelere, Rich Fini, Anne Hastings, Ann Culkin, Russ Price, John Boyer, Lola Pellegrino, Jodi Smith, Bill Neimeister, Devin Walker, and Mayor Barbara Wallace. The minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting were approved with amendments as presented.

First order of business was to open nominations for Chairman. On a motion made by Ann Culkin, seconded by Harry Larzelere, Leon Lakritz was nominated for the position of Chairman. With no other nominations, the vote was unanimous in favor of Leon Lakritz to continue as Chairman of the Environmental Commission for 2016.

Leon Lakritz then asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Ann Culkin nominated Vicky Binetti. Her motion was seconded by John Boyer. There were no other nominations. Unanimously Vicky Binetti was voted to serve as Vice Chair. For the position of Treasurer, Harry Larzelere was nominated by John Boyer. The nomination was seconded by Russ Price. No other nominations for Treasurer were presented, and Harry Larzelere was unanimously voted Treasurer. Dorothy Hunter was appointed by Chairman Leon Lakritz to continue as Secretary of the Environmental Commission.

Treasurer's Report

Harry Larzelere announced that we spent a total of \$1,883.83 in 2015. Our budget for that year was \$1,950.

Our temporary budget for 2016 is \$511.88.

Guests

Old Business

Workshop Meeting

There was no workshop meeting in December 2015.

Clean Up Day/Clean Up Awareness Campaign

It was announced that Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2016.

Recycling Campaign/America Recycles Day

Vicky Binetti had no report.

Earth Day 2016

Earth Day is Friday, April 22. The Commission's Earth Day celebration activity will be focused on/around Saturday, April 23.

Sustainable Jersey

Vicky Binetti had no new report, but she will follow up with Administration to see what progress or plans have been made by the Green Team. A resolution was adopted last year by Council to begin the process to obtain a bronze certification as part of the Sustainable Jersey program.

Stream Sampling

Leon Lakritz and Vicky Binetti will meet on January 13th with members of the Board of Education to discuss resuming a stream sampling in the spring or fall of 2016, to engage students in collecting water samples at various locations along streams in Washington Township. Leon announced that he has purchased the chemicals necessary to test the samples.

WTEC Annual Report

Leon Lakritz asked members involved in 2015 Environmental Commission activities to provide input to Vicky Binetti for the Environmental Commission's Annual Report. Vicky outlined areas that we should feature, and she will assemble the report, which will be sent to Mayor Wallace and Township Council.

New Business

Planning & Zoning Boards

Rich Fini commented on applications before the Planning & Zoning Boards as follows:

- **Planning Board – 12/15/15**
 - Edens Ltd. Partnership, 372-386 Egg Harbor Road – Site plan waiver approved.
- **Planning Board – 1/5/16**
 - Reorganization meeting
- **Zoning Board – 12/14/15**
 - Flannery, 58 Winfield Circle – Bulk variance.
 - Washington Development Co., 229 Delsea Drive – Amended site plan & signage – postponed.
 - D&W Diesel, 157 Delsea Drive – Major site plan. Preliminary & final approved with conditions.
 - Moore & Truong, 465 Egg Harbor Road – Use variance postponed.
- **Zoning Board – 1/6/16**
 - Reorganization meeting

Washington Square Town Center

The Environmental Commission raised concerns regarding this development, which includes a medical office building, three retail buildings, an assisted living facility, and seventeen buildings containing townhouses and eight buildings with apartments. This property is located in Tier 1 and 2 in a wellhead protection area. The Applicant has requested waivers from requirements to prepare an Environmental Site Assessment, an Environmental Impact Statement, a Tree Replanting and Removal Plan and a Tree Removal Permit. This land has been in agricultural use, and soil sampling for pesticides, lead and arsenic should be done. . It was noted that there are numerous large trees on site, and these and all trees would be subject to the Tree Protection Ordinance. There are also concerns with regards to storm water management, including the need for protective measures because of the location of parking lots and structures in wellhead protection areas. Additionally, there are two dog walks in close proximity to the storm water basins.

Giralda Properties

This application is located on American Blvd. in a well head protection area. Applicant is working on conditions for approval. Vicky Binetti inquired as to whether potential occupants were known, but no one at the meeting was aware that any plans had been determined.

Turnersville Auto Mall

Leon Lakritz noted that ground water monitoring reports still have not been received from the Auto Mall as required, despite inquiries made by the Environmental Commission. On a motion made by Ann Culkin and seconded by Anne Hastings, a letter will be forwarded to the Zoning Office incorporating our concerns and recommendations. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Open Space

Devin Walker, a Rowan University student, has volunteered her time to design two maps of Washington Lake Park using GPS to provide more detail. One map shows the hiking trail system and walking/running paths, and one shows the athletic fields with entrances to the Park.

Council

No report in Sean Longfellow's absence.

Correspondence

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/Dorothy Hunter

Dorothy Hunter, Secretary
Washington Township Environmental Commission

