

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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(Approved at April 7, 2011 Meeting)

Minutes of March 3, 2011 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Leon Lakritz. In attendance were Vicky Binetti, Lola Pellegrino, Jodi Smith, Russ Price, Ed Andricola, Christian Davidson, Anne Hastings, Ann Culkin, Rich Fini, Michael Keating, Daniel Morley, and Mark Phillips. Minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Russ Price and seconded by Vicky Binetti.

Treasurer's Report

In Harry Larzelere's absence, Leon Lakritz reported a balance of \$700 in our temporary budget.

Old Business

ANJEC Seminar

Leon Lakritz reminded Commission members that ANJEC is offering a course at the Gloucester County Library on Monday, April 7th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The topic of the course will be Environmental Commissions and their goals and objectives.

Township Clean Up Day

Anne Hastings reported that she contacted Deptford Township to see if they would have any interest in sponsorship of a clean-up day event in their community on the same day as Washington Township. She also plans to contact other nearby municipalities and solicit their interest to do the same.

Wellhead Protection

Mayor Lyons is scheduled to participate in a first-ever Delaware River Basin Forum on March 10th to discuss our wellhead protection ordinance. The webcast will be live from WHYY in Philadelphia from 8:10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WTEC Planning Calendar

Leon Lakritz had no additions to the planning calendar.

Earth Day 2011

Anne Hastings gave a status report of this upcoming event on April 16th. An order has been placed for the tree seedlings which we give out on Earth Day, and the Good Earth Tea Company has donated tea bags as giveaways. Anne also gave a financial report noting donations to date and expected expenses. She also showed the Commission a sample flyer advertising Earth Day which she designed. Ed Andricola volunteered to make arrangements for an Earth Day sheet cake which is cut and distributed at the noontime ceremonies. In keeping with our Earth Day theme of "Repurposing", Ed Andricola presented some samples of ideas he fabricated from scrap into reusable items. Traffic concerns for ushering in vendors and exhibitors were discussed. Ann Culkin and Chet Nawoyski met with school representatives to discuss the poster contest rules and eligibility for fourth grade elementary students. Ann Culkin reported that the Davidson family has donated five Phillies tickets as one of the prizes in the poster contest. Ann has also sought an additional prize donation from the Camden Aquarium.

Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement

No report.

Guest Lecturers

No report.

Stream Sampling

Chet Nawoyski met with Mr. Bollendorf, principal of the high school, to discuss student participation with Stream Sampling. Mr. Bollendorf offered to provide transportation for the students

from the lab to the sample site; however they will need to find a teacher/instructor who would be available on Saturdays.

New Business

Planning and Zoning Boards

Rich Fini provided the following report:

- **Planning Board 2/15/11**
 - Premier Real Estate Investment, 310 Egg Harbor Road. Applicant received approval for on-site lighting.
 - Washington Development Co. (Azimi) – Application is considered incomplete pending satisfaction of recommendations for tree removal and compensation.
- **Planning Board 3/1/11**
 - Summit Health/Virtua, 239 Hurffville-Cross Keys Road. Applicant received approval on their signage request.
- **Zoning Board 2/14/11**
 - Bruster's, 305 Ganttown Road. Applicant received approval for canopies with signage.
 - Nesmith, 429 Hurffville-Grenloch Road. Applicant received approval for a tennis court in their front yard and agreed to make tree compensation on site.

Committee Reports

Open Space

The Open Space Committee will plant 200 trees along Winchester Drive and Arden Post. They would like to begin as soon as possible in advance of grass-cutting season.

Council

Daniel Morley agreed to make arrangements for the Environmental Commission to attend the next televised Council meeting to promote Earth Day to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Dorothy Hunter

Dorothy Hunter, Secretary
Washington Township Environmental Commission

