

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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(Approved at February 2, 2012 meeting)

Minutes of January 5, 2012 Meeting

The reorganization meeting was called to order by Dorothy Hunter, Secretary of the Environmental Commission. In attendance were Leon Lakritz, Harry Larzelere, Jodi Smith, Russ Price, Ann Culkin, Mark Phillips, Chet Nawoyski, Lola Pellegrino, Rich Fini, and Council President and liaison Daniel Morley. Minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting were approved as read.

First order of business was to open nominations for Chairman. On a motion made by Ann Culkin, seconded by Chet Nawoyski, 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.

Leon Lakritz then asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Chet Nawoyski nominated Vicky Binetti. His motion was seconded by Lola Pellegrino. 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 Chet Nawoyski. The nomination was seconded by Ann Culkin. No other nominations for Treasurer were presented, and Harry Larzelere was unanimously voted Treasurer. Dorothy Hunter was

reappointed by Chairman Leon Lakritz to continue as secretary of the Environmental Commission.

Treasurer's Report

Harry Larzelere reported that the Commission has a temporary budget of \$500 for 2012. Our 2011 budget had a remaining balance of \$64.05.

Old Business

Clean Up Day 2012

The official date of Clean Up Day is Saturday, October 6, 2012 with a rain date the following Saturday.

Recycling Campaign/America Recycles Day

The Township website now contains recycling information for residents. Chet Nawoyski agreed to look into the school recycling contracts.

Street Light Project

Mayor Wallace expressed to Leon Lakritz that she would like to initiate a program to identify defective street lights. A discussion ensued relative to the feasibility of utilizing high school students to accomplish this project.

Wellhead Protection

No report in Vicky Binetti's absence. A discussion took place regarding capping three wells located on a property along Fishpond Road.

Planning Calendar

Leon Lakritz will add Earth Day to the WTEC planning calendar. The event is scheduled for April 14th (rain date April 15th, 2012).

Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement

No report in Vicky Binetti's absence.

Earth Day 2012

Lola Pellegrino asked members to begin saving newspapers and the wide plastic bags that the newspapers are served in. We will use them to package the tree seedlings for distribution on Earth Day.

Guest Seminars/Workshops

No report.

Stream Sampling

Leon Lakritz announced that a new supply of chemicals has been purchased for our stream sampling program.

Berm on Egg Harbor Road

The berm across from the Old Stone House on Egg Harbor Road was recently cleaned up by the Township. Leon Lakritz said that a decision will be made within the next couple of months as to the types of plantings that be purchased to enhance the berm's appearance.

New Business

Goals for 2012

Leon Lakritz reviewed our goals for 2012 which include, but are not limited to, recognition of faulty or broken street lights throughout the Township in order to save energy costs and the implementation of a school recycling program.

Planning and Zoning Boards

Rich Fini reviewed current applications before the Planning and Zoning Boards as follows:

- *Planning Board 12/06/11*
 - James and Judith Rocks, 14 Deer Court. Received approval for minor subdivision. There are wetlands on the property, and applicants have agreed to a conservation easement.
- *Planning Board 12/20/11*
 - Joseph Scafisi, 338 & 340 Johnson Road. Applicant has approval to build four homes on this property; two are completed. He has requested an amended site plan for driveway arrangement. Postponed until January 24, 2012.

- Zoning Board 12/12/11
 - Sterling, 178-180 Greentree Road – This use variance and waiver of site plan was continued until February 2012.

Committee Reports

Open Space

Harry Larzelere is exploring the possibility of building a community garden in the Township.

Council

Daniel Morley had no report.

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

Submitted by

/s/Dorothy Hunter

Dorothy Hunter, Secretary
Washington Township Environmental Commission