

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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(Approved at August 4, 2011 Meeting)

Minutes of June 2, 2011 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Leon Lakritz. In attendance were Russell Price, Lola Pellegrino, Vicky Binetti, Jodi Smith, Mark Phillips, Rich Fini, Michael Keating and Ann Culkin.

Minutes of May 5, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Leon Lakritz reported that our budget balance remains at \$700.

Old Business

Clean Up Day/Clean Up Awareness Campaign

Deptford Township Environmental Commission requested information pertaining to conducting a "Clean Up Day" event. Ann Culkin and Anne Hastings attended their meeting on May 16th and explained in detail how Washington Township conducts our annual Clean Up Day. They also invited Deptford Township to our meetings so they can glean additional information. Deptford EC anticipates having a similar program in Deptford on the same day as we do.

Recycling Campaign/America Recycles Day

Vicky Binetti had no report.

Wellhead Protection

Vicky Binetti had no report.

Planning Calendar

No report.

2011/2012 Earth Day

Lola Pellegrino suggested that the Environmental Commission should consider having an alternative plan to store tree seedlings in case Earth Day is postponed or cancelled.

Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement

No report.

Guest Seminars/Presentations

No report

Bell's Lake Dam

Michael Keating reported on the Stephen's Run Lake Dam and the embankment adjacent to Bell's Lake Road.

Turnersville Auto Mall

The Environmental Commission considered a proposal submitted by Whitestone Associates, Inc. to the Zoning Board to reduce quarterly monitoring of Well #8 (MW8) at the Turnersville Auto complex to bi-annually. The ground water monitoring program was a requirement of the Conditional Approval granted to the Turnersville Auto Mall to permit the construction and operation of a new and used automotive sales and service establishment in a Wellhead Protection Area. After considerable discussion, a motion was made and passed that a recommendation be made to the Zoning Board that quarterly monitoring be continued for at least one year in order to ascertain seasonal influences on the composition of the constituents present in the ground water. At the present time, that information is inadequate since monitoring reports of MW8 have been sporadic at best. The Environmental Commission, based on next year's quarterly reports, will consider the appropriateness of reducing monitoring to bi-annually.

New Business

Planning Board & Zoning Boards

Planning Board – 5/3/11

- Smyle Dentist – A single-story building located at the corner of Hurffville-Cross Keys and Greentree Roads will be constructed. Eight trees, totaling 103 inches, will be removed. Tree

ordinance requires the planting of 14 trees or make compensation to the Tree Trust Fund. Mr. Guido Babore of ABR Consulting indicated that there was insufficient space to plant trees on site and, therefore, would submit payment of \$4,900. Other issues, including storm water detention, septic system removal, were discussed. The Environmental Commission indicated that they could not submit a recommendation to the Planning Board until they received additional information, which they requested from Mr. Babore.

Planning Board – 5/19/11

No projects heard.

Zoning Board – 5/9/11

- Washington Development Company - Applicant received amended use variance approval for a self-storage facility project located at 229 Delsea Drive. The amended use variance allows the applicant to seek preliminary and final approval for Phase 1 of the site plan and preliminary approval for Phase 2 of the site plan.

Committee Reports

Open Space

The Public Works staff planted one-hundred trees on Winchester Drive. Eighty shrubs were planted in Twin Ponds East in the open space basin. In the fall, trees will be planted in the basin. Harry Larzelere, Leon Lakritz and Bob Starrantino planted shrubs at the site where banners for Environmental Commission events are displayed on Egg Harbor Road, opposite the Old Stone House.

Council Report

No report.

Correspondence

No report.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/Lola Pellegrino

Lola Pellegrino,
Acting Secretary WTEC