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(Approved at October 6, 2011 meeting)

Minutes for September 1, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Vicky Binetti, in Leon Lakritz's absence. Attending tonight's meeting were Lola Pellegrino, Jodi Smith, Russ Price, Rich Fini, Chet Nawoyski, Ann Culkin, Anne Hastings, Ed Andricola and Robert Timmons. Minutes of our August 4, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

There was no budget report in Harry Larzelere's absence.

Guests

Robert Mintz, Esquire, and Brian Hall, Engineer, representing Kennedy Health Systems, were present tonight to discuss the proposed plans Kennedy has to construct a 3500-square foot extension to an existing treatment center. Applicant is scheduled to appear before the Planning Board on September

6, 2011. This project is a minor site plan, and the Commission noted that no submissions require review by the Commission.

Old Business

Township Clean Up Day

Anne Hastings and Ann Culkin brought to our attention that the proposed date of October 8, 2011 for Township Clean Up Day conflicts with the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. The Commission decided unanimously to change the date of Clean Up Day until the following Saturday, October 15th (rain date October 22).

Anne Hastings asked members to contact businesses to request donations of supplies, food or financial support for this year's event. She mentioned that we would also accept donations to sponsor a team. Assignments for a various tasks were briefly reviewed. The actual clean-up sites have not as yet been finalized.

Recycling Campaign

Vicky Binetti reminded the Commission that America Recycles Day (which is sponsored by the Keep America Beautiful Foundation) is Tuesday, November 15th. This event encourages local activities to raise awareness of the value of recycling. Vicky suggested that the Commission feature information on recycling on Clean Up Day. Vicky suggested a number of activities that the Environmental Commission could develop, and she asked members to give this some thought and decide on a plan of action.

Anne Hastings mentioned that the Township does not recycle all types of plastic, and Lola Pellegrino agreed to contact surrounding communities to see what types of containers they collect for recycling.

Wellhead Protection

Vicky Binetti had no new report. She mentioned that Virtua Health sent in test reports on their monitoring wells located at their new health and fitness center. Rich Fini agreed to review the results and report back to the Commission at our next meeting. Rich said he has received monitoring plans from Holman Automotive, and a letter is being sent to them requesting additional information.

WTEC Planning Calendar

No report in Leon Lakritz' absence.

Earth Day 2012

No report.

Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement

No report.

Guest Seminars

Lola Pellegrino spoke with the Gloucester County Soil Conservation group, and they expressed interest to speak at one of our future seminars or at one of our regular meetings.

Stream Sampling

Chet Nawoyski is continuing his efforts to locate a sponsor/advisor that would enable us to restart the annual stream sampling program utilizing school students to collect water samples and participate in the testing.

Goals for 2012

No new report.

New Business

Planning & Zoning Boards:

Planning Board – No report

Zoning Board

- Redeemed Christian Church of God – Applicant does not need approval for a variance to have an accessory use (child care facility) on site. A resolution was passed to agree with that position.
- Washington Development was postponed until September 12.

Public Relations

Lola Pellegrino agreed to contact the Sun, a local newspaper, to see if they would publish our meeting notices. Vicky Binetti suggested that Lola also inquire as to whether or not they would be interested in doing a feature story about the Environmental Commission highlighting the activities and events that we sponsor.

Open Space

No report.

Council

No report.

Correspondence

No report

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

Submitted by:

/s/Dorothy Hunter

Dorothy Hunter, Secretary
Washington Township Environmental Commission