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(Approved At January 5, 2012 Meeting)

Minutes for December 1, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Leon Lakritz. Attending tonight's meeting were Harry Larzelere, Ann Culkin, Vicky Binetti, Russ Price, Jodi Smith, Lola Pellegrino, Rich Fini, Daniel Morley, Chet Nawoyski, and Ed Andricola. On a motion by Ann Culkin, seconded by Russ Price, the minutes of the November 3, 2011 meeting were approved as presented. Vicky Binetti abstained as she did not attend that meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Harry Larzelere reported that the balance in our budget is \$711.07. Leon Lakritz remarked that our inventory of chemicals used for stream sampling is depleted, and he requested that \$250 be allocated to restock the supply. Additionally, ANJEC 2012 renewal is due before the end of the year. On a motion by Russ Price, seconded by Ann Culkin, a motion was made to fund these two items. Approval was unanimous.

Old Business

Clean Up Day 2012/Clean Up Awareness Campaign

Clean Up Day 2012 will be held on October 6. The date does not conflict with any October holiday.

Planning Calendar

Leon Lakritz will add the 2012 Clean Up Day date to our Planning Calendar.

Earth Day 2012

Ann Culkin announced that Earth Day will be held on April 21, 2012.

Recycling Campaign/America Recycles Day

On Clean Up Day, Vicky Binetti reported she collected 72 pledges from participants to recycle. The newly appointed Recycling Coordinator for Washington Township, Margie Love, is committed to increase recycling in the Township. The Environmental Commission will extend an invitation to Margie to attend one of our meetings early in 2012 to discuss a plan of action. Leon Lakritz mentioned that the \$500 grant from Gloucester County has been received for our 2011 Clean Up Day event.

Wellhead Protection

Vicky Binetti had no new report. The Turnersville Auto Mall project was discussed because of our concerns over the business' efforts to reduce ground water monitoring in the wellhead protection area.

Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement

Vicky Binetti had no new report. Leon Lakritz reported that he, Harry Larzelere and Ann Culkin met with our new Mayor Barbara Wallace recently and presented an overview of the activities of the Environmental Commission and the Open Space Committee.

Guests Seminars/Presentations

No report.

Stream Sampling

Leon Lakritz reported that once we proceed with stream sampling, he has a teacher committed to participate with the students.

Street Light Project

Leon Lakritz is anxious to get this program under way so that broken street lights can be identified and ultimately save tax dollars in electricity. Chet Nawowski told us he met with the School

Superintendent Bob Goldschmidt, and he is interested in providing support with this project and also stream sampling.

New Business

Goals for 2012

Vicky Binetti suggested that a plan be developed and a target date set to increase recycling in 2012. Working with Recycling Coordinator, Margie Love, the Commission hopes to engage schools and businesses to recycle.

Planning and Zoning Boards

Rich Fini reported on the following applications:

Planning Board, November 15

- James and Judy Rocks – Minor subdivision at 14 Deer Court to permit building of new home. Wet lands are involved, but applicant is in compliance.

Zoning Board, November 14

- Washington Development Co. (Azimi) (self-storage facility located at 229 Delsea Drive) was postponed.
- Yakabosky at 139 Ganttown Road. This is a use variance. This application was postponed.

Berm on Egg Harbor Road

Residents of Sheffield Gate complained that the berm on Egg Harbor Road across from the Old Stone House had become overgrown and unsightly. The Township responded by cleaning up the property. Leon Lakritz proposed to the Commission that we enhance the berm with additional plantings.

Committee Reports

Open Space

Harry Larzelere reported that the Banks's property, located at Pitman-Downer and Greentree Roads and the site off Fish Pond Road, was mowed and debris removed.

Council

Dan Morley had no report. He mentioned that there are two more Council meetings this year on the 14th and 28th.

Correspondence

No new correspondence was received.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Dorothy Hunter

Dorothy Hunter, Secretary

Washington Township Environmental Commission