

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION & GREEN TEAM

MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2023

Members Present

D. Chenong
D. Dittrick
D. Fashano
J. Hendricks
A. Kraynak
C. Matlon
C. Mattessich
N. Mian
D. Wilson

Liaison

J. Ferramosca – Present

Members Absent

P. Glawe

Guest

J. O'Neill – Whippany River Watershed Action Committee

Secretary Kraynak called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm according to the Open Publics Meeting Act.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed meeting minutes December 5, 2022. Secretary Kraynak asked if there were any changes or corrections to the meeting minutes. Member Fashano made a motion to approve the December 2022 meeting minutes as written. Member Dittrick seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to approve the December 2022 meeting minutes as written.

Correspondence

- Reviewed NJ Municipalities magazine December 2022 and January 2023.

Certified Mail

- Reviewed Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. 111 Reynolds Avenue, Block 8401, Lot 9, Proposed Brickyard Field Improvements. Liaison Ferramosca said it's for the existing football field. Liaison Ferramosca said its for the improvement to turf fields. Its to make turf fields.

Old Business

- 2023 Shred Day Event – Member Fashano said that the rate has increased to approximately \$800.00 for one Shred Day Event. Member Fashano said he will look into other shredding companies for prices. Member Mian suggested if we could combine it with items for example electronics. Member Fashano and Member Matlon will look into other items to be recycled to be brought to the Shred Day Event.
- Whippany River Clean Up and Earth Day Event – All members discussed with J. O'Neill of Whippany River Watershed Action Committee ideas for the Whippany River Clean Up and Earth Day Event. Some suggestions were to have other groups Scouts, Bayer, Inter Faith Food Pantry, Suburban Propane and also if people would like to bring food to donate for the Inter Faith Food Pantry. The Whippany River Clean-Up would be on Thursday, April 20, with Barclays employees. All members discussed possible locations for the Whippany River Clean Up with Barclays. Member Mattessich suggested we should make sure there are enough spots for Barclays to clean up at the river. Member Chenong suggested to let Barclays handle the clean up with their employees. Member Chenong suggested we should focus on the Earth Day Event. The Earth Day Event would be on Saturday, April 29. Member Mian suggested to have a story and activity about the environment with the children. Also, was suggested to have a Zoom meeting with Whippany River Watershed Action Committee and the Environmental Commission/Green Team to discuss the Earth Day Event and the Whippany River Clean Up. The Earth Day Event time discussed would be 10:00 am – 2:00pm. Member Dittrick also suggested for some of the high school age students to do stream assessments. Member Dittrick also suggested a Earth Day Poster contest for the students. Member Fashano suggested ANJEC has a lot of different activities for children they may be interested in attending. Secretary Kraynak suggested maybe some other groups from town would be interested in attending. Member Mattessich asked Liaison Ferramosca does the clean-up up with WRWAC mesh at all with the federal funding for the river like the extraction of trees and branches. Liaison Ferramosca I don't think so we are working on that we are getting the four other towns involved.

Green Team

- Chairman Mattessich said we will contribute to the WRWAC Clean Up. Chairman Mattessich said for Sustainable Jersey in order for that to function it seems the difficulty had increased and the number of towns that qualified decreased as a result state-wide. Chairman Mattessich said a lot of the big point items I wasn't able to gain because it comes from the township. If the township deems it as necessary it would be beneficial to have the township employees on board and as part of their job to provide reports automatically every year to the Green Team for those highest point items otherwise its almost not worth doing because it's the other stuff its so much more time to get its often rejected. Chairman Mattessich said to sum it up we need support from the town

employees instead of chasing it down. Liaison Ferramosca said he is willing to try just let him know what you want.

New Business

- 2023 Budget – Chairman Wilson asked about projects for 2023 to be included in the 2023 budget. All members discussed an approximate budget for 2023 \$500.00 for Earth Day Event, \$2,000.00 trees, \$1,600.00 Shred Day Event, \$500.00 Clean Up Supplies.
- Tree Fund – All members discussed the tree fund and the use of the tree fund. Liaison Ferramosca said the tree fund is for the life cycle of the tree.

Open To The Public

Adjourn

- Secretary Kraynak asked at 8:45 pm if there was any further business if not to adjourn the meeting. All members agreed to adjourn the meeting.