

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2022

Date: Monday, April 25, 2022
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Ave., Wyckoff, NJ, Ladderback Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Beth Fischer, Wyckoff Environmental Commission Chairwoman. Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Environmental Commission Secretary Denise Capparelli

“The April 25, 2022, Public Business Meeting of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission is now in session. In accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to advise that notice of this meeting has been posted in the lower level of the Memorial Town Hall and that copy of the annual schedule of meetings has also been filed with the Township Clerk, and copies of this agenda and the annual notice of meetings, of which this is a part, have been heretofore sent to the *Ridgewood News*, *The Record*, and the *North Jersey Herald and News*, all papers with general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff.” Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Kelli Benedik, Denise Capparelli, Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Roger Lane, Ben Weiner, Sebastian D, Eve N, Justin S.
Absent: Mae Bogdansk, Pete Melchionne
Green Team: none

Motion to approve minutes from the March 21, 2022, meeting.

Motion: Lane Second: Koeber

Kelli Benedik Y Board Liaison Bogdansk Absent Competiello Abstain Fischer Y
Koeber Y Lane Abstain Weiner Y

1) Priority Review Items:

- a) Sustainable Jersey- Mrs. Fischer distributed a spreadsheet of prior SJ actions to the Commissioners. She stated most of the work will be reported to her and Commissioner Weiner to submit via the SJ portal. Commissioners signed up to take on the actions to update. Commissioners will research their actions and set up their own subcommittees. Mrs. Fischer stated that an update of action status is due to her by May 9 before the next WEC meeting on May 16. All actions narratives/PDFs should be submitted to Mrs. Fischer and Mr. Weiner. Timeline is May 22 for first submission.
- b) Mrs. Bogdansk will assist with updating the Green Business Recognition Program.

2) Grant Programs for 2022:

- a) No new grant opportunities currently.
- b) WEC will not be submitting the ANJEC grant this year.

3) Planning Board – no reports

4) New Business

- a) Shred fest event.- 425 cars attended and 30 cubic yards of Styrofoam were collected to fill a double truck. The Styrofoam was shipped to PolyMolding for recycling later that afternoon.
- b) Team Up to Tidy Up – 221 volunteers cleaned up at 21 sites. 90 bags of trash and 70 bags of recyclables were collected. Many schools and civics groups participated. Thank you to the Commissioners, Jr's and Green Team volunteers for their help and assistance at the event.
- c) Healthy Kids Day- April 30, 10:00am-1:00pm, is a community outreach event sponsored by the YMCA. The Environmental Commission will be hosting a table and volunteers are needed to staff that day. This is a good opportunity to educate residents on the upcoming plastic bag ban.
- d) Mrs. Fischer obtained a list of local businesses in Wyckoff. The list will be purged to identify and target businesses for outreach that are affected by the new plastic bag ban.

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- e) Arbor Day tree planting- DPW will plant a tree at Lincoln Elementary School. Township Committee, Shade Tree volunteers, Student Council and Environmental Commissioners will be on hand for the ceremony.
- f) Fishing Derby- scheduled for Sat., June 4th at 8:30am. Volunteers needed to setup and cleanup at the event.

5) Other Business

- a) Mr. Weiner reported the HUB is still researching alternatives for Styrofoam. They are awaiting information from the Village of Ridgewood's pilot Styrofoam densifier program. There was also talk about tree preservation ordinances for residents and commercial property in the county.
- b) School Liaison Mrs. Fischer reported the following:
 - i) Eisenhower Middle School has 3 garden beds left for adoption.
 - ii) Sicomac Elementary GS Troop will be planting milk weed at the Russell Farms Community Park on May 4th at 3:30pm and all invited to attend.
- c) Recycle Coach App update for March was 28 new users with a year-to-date total (since inception 2018) of 3,192 subscribers.
- d) Upcoming BCUA 2022 Collection events: Household Hazardous Waste May 14, 2022- Paramus, Tires/Electronics- June 4, 2022- Mahwah.
- e) Jr. Commissioner Projects- in progress under the direction of Mrs. Fischer.
 - i) Eve reported that she has set up a tentative date for the Green Fair for Sat., Nov. 19, 2022, 11:00am-2:00pm She has reserved the Shotmeyer meeting room at the library. Ms. Capparelli to submit library indemnification waiver. Eve has requested to create an Instagram page for the event. Mrs. Fischer will confirm if allowable by the township.
 - ii) Sebastian is continuing his pollinator project. Sebastian mentioned a *No Mow May* campaign he learned about to promote to reduce the destruction of local pollinators. Ms. Capparelli suggested a PSA for the residents on that topic, if not too late for this year, perhaps next season.
 - iii) Justin is continuing with his project on trees.

6) Green Team Volunteer Approved Activities/Comments

- a) Flow Film Festival- Mrs. Fischer has been in touch with Green Team volunteer JR Frank and she will circulate individual PSA flyers for the FLOW films as they are received. She will send to Town Hall for posting on the web and social media. Ms. Capparelli will send to Green Team distribution list.

7) Next meeting – May 16, 2022 – 7:00pm Town Hall Upstairs Ladderback Meeting Room

8) Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Mr. Weiner and seconded Mrs. Benedik was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary