

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023

Date: Monday, September 19, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Wyckoff Town Hall, Ladderback Room, 340 Franklin Ave. Wyckoff, NJ 07481

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairwoman Fischer. Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Secretary Capparelli

Roll Call:

Present: Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Ben Weiner, Mae Bogdnasky, Roger Lane
Absent: Linda Ammerman, Peter Melchionne, Eve N
Jr. Commissioners: Gabrielle B, Allie P, Alex C, Stephen C, Gregory C
Green Team: Stan Goodman, Ron Javer

Motion to approve minutes from the June 19, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Competiello Second: Koeber

Ammerman: Absent Board Liaison Bogdansk: Y Competiello: Y Fischer: Y Koeber: Y
Lane: Y Weiner: Y

1) Priority Review Items:

- Wyckoff Day 2023- in the event of rain it will be rescheduled for Sept. 30. Commissioners (Beth, Roger, Lisa, Danyel, Ben) and Jr. Commissioners (Eve, Stephen, Greg, Alex, Allie & Gabrielle) will volunteer throughout the day. Giveaways and a "Make Every Day Earth Day" arts/crafts activity will be offered. Topics include Backyard Composting, Sustainable Landscaping, and Pollinators.
- Leave the Leaves - Mrs. Fischer created a flyer and will submit for approval for E-News and WEC web-site page as well as any Township social media pages. Commissioners selected and voted on a choice of 2 samples of artwork for the flyer.
- Jr. Commissioner project updates
 - (a) Fashion Show (Allie, Gabrielle and Alex) – Project was changed from a fashion show to a video promoting the economy shop as an eco-friendly thrift shop for recycling and reusing clothing and other items. Students will work with Commissioner mentors Ms. Competiello and Ms. Fischer to finalize video script and recruiting models.
 - (b) Stephen and Greg created an Anti-idling flyer which will be submitted for approval. Electric vehicles were added. The students discussed adding a QR scan code to scan to a google doc that asks people to sign up and pledge to reduce idling. Pledge to be promoted via e-news, website, social media, schools, and the library. Suggestions were made to include signs at local frequented stores like Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, etc.
 - (c) Eve shared the K-8 learning resources list to go along with the tri-fold lists with mentors. Pending Commissioner review before sharing with schools.
- Sept 8 Shred/Recycling Day- 315 cars dropped off confidential papers, Styrofoam and/or unused medicines. 40-cubic yards of Styrofoam were collected for transport to PolyMolding for recycling.

2) Grant Programs:

- Sustainable Jersey/PSE&G small grant for Russell Farms Community Park signage. Mrs. Fischer met with the Administrator and will get updated costs from vendor to include graphic design work. May require additional funds from the Township to complete the project.

3) Planning Board

- Ridgewood Water new water tank on Cedar Hill Ave. will be carried over to the October 2023 meeting.

4) Township Committee Updates

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- No updates

5) New Business

- Spring Compost Workshop scheduled for April 6, 2024

6) Other Business:

- *SJ HUB*- Mr. Weiner reported the July Quarterly meeting resulted in Bergen County authorizing funds to Ridgely Park to purchase and house a Styrofoam densifier at their municipality. The Township will be able to utilize the densifier which will be more convenient and cost effective as there is no fee at this time to drop off Styrofoam collected at Shred events. The Styrofoam is melted and solidified into brick shapes that are purchased through Princeton Molding (a secondary market). A new HUB committee was formed to discuss composting. Ridgewood currently has a composting pilot program.
- *Wyckoff K-8 Schools/PTO Report*- Mr. Lane will take be transitioning to K-8 Schools liaison. Chairwoman Fischer emailed K-8 PTO presidents for Environmental Committee chair contact information. Initial communication will include the introduction to the shared educational information compiled by Eve N.
- *RIH Schools Report*- Jr. Commissioners to keep Commissioners apprised of any environmental events happening through the clubs, etc. Commissioners will be attending the Ramapo High School Community Fair on September 22. This is a great opportunity for WEC to promote to the schools for future student volunteers.
- *Certified Wildlife Habitat*- application update carried to next meeting. Check on any restrictions to become certified
- *WEC Facebook Page* – Mrs. Fischer will follow up with Township Committeeman Melchionne.
- *Recycle Coach* – 46 new subscribers for April 2023, YTD since 2018 = 3,790.
- Bergen County Utilities Authority
 - a. Household Hazardous Waste Recycling – Sunday, October 15, Paramus
 - b. Mobile shred, Electronics, Tires, Medication, Recycling-Sunday, October 1-Mahwah
- Green Team volunteer Mr. Goodman asked if the Commission and Green Team can request a tour of the BCUA and what they do related to recycling.
- Ms. Competiello inquired if trash/recycling cans can be placed by the Cedar Hill Conservation Easement path as she noticed there is a lot of litter on the ground at that location.

Next meeting – October 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm Wyckoff Town Hall, upstairs Ladderback meeting room.

Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Chair Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Koeber was unanimously passed. The meeting concluded at 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary