

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023

Date: Monday, May 15, 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 Mrs. Fischer.

Roll Call:

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

Motion to approve minutes from the April 17, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Competiello Second: Weiner

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

Lane: Abstain Weiner: Y

1) Priority Review Items:

- Team Up to Tidy Up (TUTU) was held on Saturday, April 22, Approximately 100 fewer volunteers this year, possibly due to baseball/softball season opening day. Approximately 25 public sites areas were cleaned of litter. A suggestion was made to possibly move the event to May instead of April - to be discussed when planning for 2024.
- Fishing Derby- Saturday, June 3, 2023 – 8:00am to 10:30am for volunteer sign-ups. Commissioner Fischer will coordinate volunteers for the Fishing Derby. Mr. Melchionne stated Peter's Fish Market would like to donate prizes. He will contact them for more details. An information table with educational information on clean water and stormwater management will be set up next to the registration tables.
- Healthy Kids Day – Chairwoman Fischer and Junior Commissioners Gabrielle B. and Eve N. staffed two (2) information tables on composting and pollinators. Commissioner Koeber put together seed packets as giveaways.
- Air Quality Awareness Week, May 1 – 5 - WEC sent a No Idling to the K-8 Wyckoff Schools for the principal e-blasts. The schools also celebrated National Walk, Bike, & Roll to School Week.

2) Grant Programs:

- Sustainable Jersey/PSE&G \$2,000.00 Small Grant written by Chairwoman Fischer was awarded. Project is for improvement to Russell Farms Community Park signage. Ms. Capparelli will accept the check on behalf of the WEC at the May 22 Awards Ceremony and post a public announcement about the award. Ms. Fischer, Mr. Melchionne, and the DPW rep will plan a meeting at Russell Farms Park to assess the current signs and discuss improvements. Potential topics for signs include information on native pollinators, plant ID and description of the Sensory Garden, a revised diagram of the tree farm.
- The application for the ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant for the Wyckoff Community Garden at Eisenhower Middle School was not approved.

3) Planning Board

- Per Peter Melchionne – a Medical Center will be built next to the shopping center by Stop & Shop
- Ridgewood Water Filtration Buildings are still in the planning stages.

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4) New Business

- Fall Shred/Recycling Day – Friday, September 8, 2023 – Wyckoff Community Park. Mr. Melchionne to discuss if they can get an earlier date to get trucks on a Saturday from the county.

5) Other Business:

- 2023 FLOW Green Film Festival Update – Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 7pm in the Wyckoff Library for screening of “Going Circular.” Featured speaker is Michael Portannese, President of Gaeta Recycling.
- Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB – Ben Weiner reported on Ridgewood’s Densifying Unit. Ridgewood is discussing opening the unit to other towns to use, further research is required. Plastic Bag Ban report from Governor Murphy: after 1 year, approximately 5.5 million bags were not given out. Plastic Straws – stores have gone from 17 million plastic straws given out to 2 million.
- Recycle Coach – 37 new subscribers for April 2023, YTD since 2018 = 3,717
- Wyckoff School’s Report – No report
- Jr. Commissioner Report – All Jr. Commissioners have a topic and are working with Commissioner mentors. They will provide project updates at the June WEC meeting.
- Bergen County Utilities Authority
 - a. Household Hazardous Waste Recycling – Sunday, June 11, Paramus
 - b. Mobile shred, Electronics, Tires, Medication, Recycling-Saturday June 3, 2023 - Mahwah
- Recycleballs –DPW will install a new sign and bin by Court 1. Rec Dept. will send out a flyer.
- Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony – April 28, 2023 – Coolidge Elementary School was a success. Poems and readings were conducted. Attended by WEC members, Township Committee, Shade Tree Commission, Coolidge Student Council and their parents, principal, and teacher advisors.

6) Next meeting – June 19, 2023 – 7:00 pm Wyckoff Town Hall, upstairs Ladderback meeting room.

Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Koeber and seconded by Commissioner Competiello was unanimously passed. The meeting concluded at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary