

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2023

Date: Monday, June 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 Mrs. Fischer.

Roll Call:

Present: Linda Ammerman, Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, , Ben Weiner, Township Committee Liaison Peter Melchionne

Absent: Mae Bogdnasky, Roger Lane

Jr. Commissioners: Gabrielle B, Alex C, Gabrielle B, Stephen C, Gregory C, Eve N., Allie P

Absent:

Green Team: Stan Goodman, Ron Javer

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: Absent Weiner: Y

1) Priority Review Items:

- Fishing Derby- Saturday, June 3, 2023 – It was a well-attended event; 103 children registered. The largest fish caught was 13.5 inches. The revised setup worked well with tables set up in a row and educational materials (posters and coloring books) on stormwater management and water conservation, then registration table, then Fly Rodders giving out worms. We need time to convert from registration to measuring fish so next year, it was suggested that we have signs stating fishing starts at 9 am and measuring will begin at 9:15 am. The tear-off tags with the fish measurement to take down to the sign-in sheets to be recorded worked well. The plan is to create a template for 2024. It was suggested that we research different prizes such as mystery tackle boxes, possibly branded with the new WEC logo. Mr. Weiner inquired what other local towns hold Fishing Derbys.
- Support for NJ State Legislation to pass a strong Packaging Product Stewardship Act (S426/A1444). Mr. Weiner shared information from ANJEC about the proposed legislation, which supports the reduction of excessive product packaging to reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create green sector jobs, reduce toxicity in products, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions. The WEC voted in favor of endorsing the proposed municipal resolution to show support for the Packing Product Stewardship Act. Motion: Fischer Second: Koeber; all present voted in favor. Commissioner Melchionne will present to Township Committee at their next meeting.
- 2024 WEC meeting dates approved with the April meeting date finalized for April 29.

2) Grant Programs:

- Sustainable Jersey/PSE&G small grant was approved, check for \$2,000 for Russell Park signage was received on May 22. Mr. Melchionne, Chairwoman Fischer, Joe Vander Plaat, DPW, and Matt Cavallo, Township Administrator, will assess the three signs to discuss what will be replaced or reconstructed.

3) Planning Board

- No updates

4) New Business

- Fall Shred/Recycling Day – Friday, September 8, 2023 – Wyckoff Community Park. Confirmed. Mr. Weiner reached out to Ridgewood regarding Styrofoam collection but there is no more availability for collection.

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- Commissioner Fischer to discuss WEC participation and schedule for the fall Wyckoff Day – September 23.
- Mr. Weiner suggested a short survey to Wyckoff residents to see what environmental topics they are interested in learning more about.
- Commissioner Fischer to inquire about a separate Facebook page for the Environmental Commission.
- Any local businesses not in compliance with the NJ Ban on Plastic Carryout Bags & Polystyrene Foam will be provided with a copy of the legislation, contact information for the NJ Business Action Center, and a list of non-plastic products to use. WEC is not responsible for enforcement.

5) Other Business:

- Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB - no updates
- Recycle Coach – 37 new subscribers for April 2023, YTD since 2018 = 3,717
- Wyckoff K-8 School's Report –Go Green PTO committee and PTO president contact information requested for the 23-24 school year. The EMS garden beds have all been adopted and are growing well. Pathway cleanup is ongoing and volunteers are always needed. Good opportunity for students looking for community service hours.
- Jr. Commissioner Report – All Jr. Commissioners have a topic and are working with Commissioner mentors.
 - (1) Alex, Allie, Gabrielle: Economy Shop Fashion show – will draft letter to Township Committee with proposal (Competiello, Koeber, Fischer)
 - (2) Stephen, Gregory: Anti-idling- post pledge and educational flyers online, focus on reaching Wyckoff residents and businesses (Weiner, Lane, Fischer)
 - (3) Eve: create survey for residents? Green Fair? Assist with Russell Farms Park signage revisions (Ammerman, Bogdansk, Fischer)
- 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

Next meeting – July 17, 2023 – 7:00 pm Wyckoff Town Hall, upstairs Ladderback meeting room.

Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Competiello and seconded by Commissioner Koeber was unanimously passed. The meeting concluded at 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary