

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023 (revised 9/13/23)

Date: Monday, July 17, 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, Mae Bogdnasky, Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Roger Lane, Ben Weiner, Peter Melchionne
Absent: Alex C, Stephen C, Gregory C,
Jr. Commissioners: Gabrielle B, Eve N, Allie P
Green Team: Stan Goodman, Mary Ann Crawford

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

Motion: Competiello Second: Ammerman

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

1) Priority Review Items:

- Support for NJ State Legislation to pass a strong Packaging Product Stewardship Act (S426/A1444) - Township Committee declined to endorse the resolution
- Residential Solar Panel had a discussion about the proposed residential solar panel ordinance that places a higher burden on homeowners with South facing properties, but that no action was agreed or taken. The Council did not approve the ordinance until after the EC meeting.
- 2024 Team Up to Tidy Up Day- Held discussion regarding possibly changing the date to May due to conflicts with Rec spring Baseball and Softball opening day.

2) Grant Programs:

- Sustainable Jersey/PSE&G small grant – meeting scheduled with Township Administrator for end of July, any updates to be reported at September meeting.

3) Planning Board

- Ridgewood Water has continued ongoing discussions regarding water quality which is now scheduled for September 23, 2023
- Nothing new to report on Maple Lake.

4) New Business

- Fall Shred/Recycling Day – scheduled for Friday, September 8, 2023 – Wyckoff Community Park.
- Wyckoff Day- Saturday, September 23, 2023, WEC will have a table, topics and giveaways TBD
- WEC Facebook Page- will request approval from the Administrator and Township Committee. Possible suggestions on content include WEC logo, best sustainable practices
- Economy Shop Fashion Show- sponsored by Jr. Environmental Commissioners – proposed date Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Theme is “Secondhand Shopping.” Details forwarded in a letter to Township Liaison Melchionne for Township Committee approval.
- Certified Wildlife Habitat Certification- Mrs. Ammerman lead the discussion and stated the cost to be certified is \$25-\$50. Commissioners approved Russell Farms to become certified. Chairwoman Fischer made a motion to get certified, all approved.

5) Other Business:

- 2023 FLOW Green Film Festival update- no updates

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- Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB – Mr. Weiner reported that Ridgefield Park was granted approval for a Styrofoam densifying machine and information was forwarded to Wyckoff to participate in a shared agreement. Some HUB town having discussions on eliminating gas powered lawn equipment One key presentation was from Princeton regarding their successful initiative to ban gas powered lawn equipment."
- Recycle Coach – 73 new subscribers for June 2023, YTD since 2018 = 3,790
- Wyckoff K-8 School's Report – Community Garden at EMS has several raised beds with vegetables, produce being donated to local food banks. Commissioners support offering support and educational resources such as trifold and "Go Green" project ideas for the PTOs and schools. Mrs. Bogdanský recommended referring to the school curriculum. Jr. Commissioner Eve will assist with this project.
- Jr. Commissioner Report – All Jr. Commissioners have a topic and are working with Commissioner mentors.
 - (1) Alex, Allie, Gabrielle: Economy Shop Fashion show – once Fashion Show is approved by TC, group will continue with planning in August (Competiello, Koeber, Fischer)
 - (2) Stephen, Gregory: still planning to do an Anti-idling campaign- post pledge and educational flyers online, focus on reaching Wyckoff residents and businesses (Weiner, Lane, Fischer)
 - (3) Eve: Work on K-8 Environmental resources, also possibly assist with Russell Farms Park signage revisions (Ammerman, Bogdanský, Fischer)
- Bergen County Utilities Authority
 - a. Household Hazardous Waste Recycling – Saturday Sept 9, Mahwah
 - b. Mobile shred, Electronics, Tires, Medication, Recycling-Saturday August 12, Paramus

Next meeting – September 18, 2023 – 7:00 pm Wyckoff Town Hall, upstairs Ladderback meeting room.

Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Weiner and seconded by Commissioner Bogdanský was unanimously passed. The meeting concluded at 7:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary