

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2021

DATE: Monday, May 17, 2021
TIME 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Zoom Webinar Online

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Celeste Homyachak, Chairwoman, Wyckoff Environmental Commission. The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Environmental Commissioner Ms. Capparelli

“The May 17, 2021 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: Denise Capparelli, Beth Fischer, Celeste Homyachak, Lisa Koeber, Roger Lane, Ben Weiner, Planning Board Liaison Mae Bogdanský and Township Committee Liaison Rudy Boonstra, Jr Commissioners Charlotte Cannizzo, Sebastian Dash and Lauren Markarian

Green Team Volunteers present: JR Frank, Christine Key, Tess Walpole

Motion to approve minutes from the April 19, 2020 meeting as amended

Motion: Fischer Second: Weiner

Capparelli Y Fischer Y Koeber Y Lane Abstain Weiner Y Planning Board Liaison Bogdanský Y Chairwoman Homyachak Y

I. PRIORITY ITEMS:

1. Chair Homyachak reminded all that the Fishing Derby is scheduled for June 5th at 8:30am at Zabriskie Pond. This is a required Environmental Commission sponsored event and Commissioners/Jr Commissioners are expected to attend and assist at the event. Ms. Capparelli requested help with setup and cleanup. Coastal Fly Fishers, a local fishing club, will be on hand to assist.
2. Commissioner Capparelli gave an update on the Team Up to Tidy Up event- 240 volunteers (35 groups), 24 bags of recyclables and 81 bags of trash were collected.
3. Shredfest - 41 cars participated. Gaeta reported 8600 lbs. and Confidential Shredding reported 6060 lbs. of confidential paper collected at the event.
4. Styrofoam Drive - 55- (5) gallon bags of Styrofoam were collected.

II. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Sustainable Jersey/Gardinier Environmental Fund Grant – Commissioner Capparelli reported that the Township is determining the lowest bidder to perform air conditioning upgrades at the Larkin House. Plans are still underway for public outreach before the end of the year.
2. Please provide any grant opportunities to Commissioner Capparelli with thorough and complete information for the Township to approve.

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III. PLANNING BOARD UPDATE- No updates at this time

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Single Use Plastic Bag* – still awaiting NJ State policy on implementing the new legislation and HUB updates. ANJEC is working on plastic bag procedures along with the state
2. *Electric Vehicle Charging Stations-* The project at Cedar Hill shopping area was withdrawn. The Township plans to purchase an electrical vehicle for the building department in 2022. The Township applied for funding through the NJ DEP Drive Green, It Pays to Plug In Program, for installation of an EVCS for fleet vehicles. Green Team volunteer JR Frank suggested the YMCA as a possible public location for an EVCS.
3. Chair Homaychak participated in ANJEC's Earth Day Hop In virtual webinar and an Earth Day event through the United Nations. Wyckoff had a virtual booth displaying WEC projects on both platforms. Chair Homaychak and Commissioner Weiner helped to highlight some of WEC's successful environmental programs that were part of the virtual event. The filmed event may be accessed through the ANJEC homepage.
4. *RecycleBalls* tennis recycling program – Commissioner Capparelli reported that per the direction of Bob Shannon, Township Administrator, the proposal was sent to the Recreation Director for input.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Jr. Commissioner Updates: Jr Commissioner Charlotte created PSA's for elementary schools – 3 PSA's per week. At this time 6 PSA's have been created and distributed to the schools. Jr. Commissioner Lauren created a proposal for her Trex program and reported there are still some outstanding details such as location of bins, pickup, costs of plastic liners and extra bins and delivery of plastics to discuss. Chair Homaychak suggested possibly a section of DPW for collection of plastic cylinders. Sebastian is planning an educational video on the Stormwater Management ordinance which is currently in the planning stage.
2. Mr. Weiner, Liaison for Bergen SJ HUB, reported the next monthly meeting will be held on May 24th. He reported that Styrofoam drives at Ridgewood and Oakland very successful. HUB has a template for local governments to use for Styrofoam drive events. He stated that Rutherford is having a "Repair Café" event on reduce, reuse, recycle. Resident bring electronics to the event for volunteers on hand to repair the equipment for reuse. Mr. Weiner will provide a PDF for their PSA. Green team volunteer Christine Key reported the HUB electric vehicle subcommittee posted an EV drive with Pays to Plug In to share information on electric vehicle charging stations. She reported that the Arts Amble will be held the weekend of June 11th represented by 14 local towns to promote arts along with an art contest for middle school students
3. Stormwater Management- no updates at this time
4. Ms. Capparelli reported for the month of April there were 46 new subscribers to Recycle Coach, 375 new subscribers this year and 2,441 residents to date subscribe to the App. Commissioner Capparelli reported that Recycle Coach has revamped and updated their App with a new Blog feature. The APP does not allow residents to see their schedule in advance as was available previously.
5. Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA)- Household Hazardous will be held on June 13th in Paramus and July 10th in Mahwah. The other Tire/Electronics recycling at BCUA will be held on June 5th in Mahwah.
6. Chair Homaychak commended Commissioner Weiner for summarizing the Ridgewood Water community Zoom meeting. Commissioner Homaychak reported that she attended the webinar. Most likely Ridgewood Water will implement a rate hike. Ridgewood water is looking at possible grant funding for the upgrades.

VI. GREEN TEAM UPDATES:

7. Chair Homaychak welcomed back Tess Walpole, former Jr. Commissioner and now Green Team volunteer.
8. School's Green Team Liaison Report: no updates at this time
9. Green Film Festival – Ms. Fischer reported that the FLOW Film Series will hold 2 events partnering with FLOW towns. The first FLOW event will be a virtual movie on May 19th at 7:00pm on the Environmental

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Effects of Fashion” Commissioner Fischer informed there will be a great group of panelists that will give a presentation on sustainable fashion. Ms. Key added that they currently have 32 registrants at this time. The flyer was released for the second “family friendly” Under the Stars” event featuring the movie, Wall-e, which will be hosted at Franklin Lakes Parsons Pond on Saturday, June 19th with a rain date of Sunday, June 20th.

10. SJ/Gardinier Public Outreach- Ms. Capparelli reported no updates at this time. Will try to have a follow up commercial energy outreach with the Chamber.

NEXT MEETING – June 21, 2021, 7:00pm – Location/virtual meeting to be decided

ADJOURNMENT – a motion was passed (Lane) and seconded (Fischer) to adjourn the business meeting. All in favor. The meeting concluded at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Capparelli
Environmental Commissioner/Secretary