

# WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## November Public Business Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, November 20, 2017  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John McCauley, Chair; Christine Key; Denise Capparelli; Randy Hoogerheyde; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Celeste Homaychak; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Nick Rea, Junior Member Bergen Academies; Dan O'Connell, Junior Member Ramapo; Julia Alfano, Junior Member; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

**JUNIOR MEMBERS:** Jasmine Ho; Allison Sassano

**GREEN TEAM MEMBERS:** Harriet Shugarman; JR Frank

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by John McCauley, Chairman.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by John McCauley:

"The November 20, 2017 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 that 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 was taken.

I Motion was made and seconded to adopt the October 16, 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion: Key Second: Capparelli  
Fortunato Y Homaychak Y Capparelli Y McCauley AB  
Key Y Hoogerheyde AB Madigan Y Wiederhold Y

II **Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/ANJEC Grants for 2017**  
Upcoming and Past Events

III **New Business**

- **BUTTERFLY GARDEN UPDATE**

Wendy Rosica, Girl Scout Troup Leader along with Girl Scouts Julia, Natalie and Lauren gave a power point presentation on the Monarch Butterfly Garden at Russell Farms Community Park. They explained how they saw a native meadow at Ramapo College and they planted the garden at Russell Farms similar to this native meadow. Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on milk weed and this year monarch butterflies have been sighted. The Girls Scouts are planning the installation of a sign on the Monarch Way Station stating the purpose of this garden. Green Team Member Harriet Shugarman said the Girl Scouts should make a presentation at the elementary schools.

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Township Committeeman Madigan would like to see the presentation on the Wyckoff website. JR Frank said that he is beginning to organize the FLOW film festival for 2018 and said he will have a monarch butterfly presentation, food waste, climate change and making our homes more energy efficient. The film dates will be March 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2018 at the Wyckoff Library. He said he needs a WEC liaison for the 2018 FLOW film festival. Commissioner Homaychak said she would check her schedule to see if she can assist with the FLOW film festival.

- **SOLICITATION FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS**

Commissioner McCauley and Township Committeeman Madigan said they interviewed five (5) students. Nick Rea and Dan O'Connell will be returning next year and Allison Sassano and Jasmine Ho along with Alex Sullivan will become new members for 2018.

- **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY**

Chair McCauley said the certification renewal has to be completed by June 2018. The WEC will start working on this project once the Environmental Resource Inventory has been completed.

- **RECYCLOMETER**

Commissioner Key said the meter was 32.27% in September and 36.22% in October.

- **“Waste It Once, Pay For It Twice”** – Public information program to encourage recycling.

**Only rain in the drain** – Public information program to discourage littering and the typical types of people pollution.

Chairman McCauley will speak with Bob Shannon regarding the above items.

- **JUNIOR MEMBER PROJECTS**

- Nick Rea said he spoke with Bob Shannon about the tonnage budget. According to his calculations the Township of Wyckoff could see a 15% savings on total garbage if the resident started composting. He said he will make a recommendation to the township.

- Dan O'Connell said he is formulating an Instagram flyer about climate change and researching ways to save on wasting energy. Commissioner Homaychak said her office is involved with VAMP power.

- Julia Alfano said she is adding deer & bear to the Environmental Resource Inventory project and why we are seeing more in our backyards and also how to stay safe around bear.

Chairman McCauley said the Junior Commissioners projects will be presented at the December 18, 2017 meeting at 7:30 p.m.

#### IV Old Business

- **MAYOR'S WELLNES COMMITTEE (a component of Sustainable Jersey)**

Commissioner Madigan said the Mayor's Wellness website is updated every week with useful and timely wellness information for residents

- **WEC WEBSITE/FACEBOOK/TWITTER**

The WEC will continue to monitor the WEC webpage

- **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT**

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Commissioner Capparelli said the sub-committee will meet on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at the Library to put the rough draft together. She said that brown fields, air quality and solar have been added to the inventory. She said that JR Frank added Fuel & hydrology to the inventory. Township Committeeman Madigan said he needed to know the exact amount of copies and CD or flash drive needed to store and transfer this report to computers. He said this resource will be used in the preparation of a master plan review as well as serving as a Sustainable Jersey best practice. He added that funds are available in the 2017 annual budget for this update and must be used by the end of this year. The WEC decided that they would like 50 paper copies of the 100 page inventory bound and printed on 8 ½ x 11 chrome stock. Chair McCauley said this inventory will also be put into electronic format for the Wyckoff website as a link to the Inventory.

### **V Planning Board Update**

Commissioner Fortunato said a five (5) lot subdivision was approved at the November 8, 2017 meeting on the Meer property. The existing manor home will remain and 4 additional lots will be created.

### **VI Green Team Task Force Updates**

1. Green Team Task Force Reports
  - a. Community
  - b. Building and Energy
  - c. Land Use and Local Business
  - d. Waste Management, Operations and Facilities
  - e. Media and Press Relations

Commissioner Key said that Beth Fischer, liaison to the elementary and middle schools, reported that Sicomac School is currently collecting batteries for recycling through December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Students from the Green Ambassadors club planted mums at the Sicomac School sign this fall and recently planted daffodil bulbs in the outdoor classroom that were donated by KinderGen landscaping. She added that she is going to the Sicomac School wide meeting this Wednesday to talk to the students and faculty about the recycling and TerraCycling programs at the school. The Eisenhower PTO now has a go green environmental committee and will focus their efforts on the community garden. The eighth grade WEL students planted 3 beds worth of native pollinator plants in the community garden. They are currently working on educational literature to complement the plantings. The rest of the raised beds will be used by the sixth grade science teachers and one by special education teacher and their students.

### **VIII Next meeting – December 18, 2017**

### **IX Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan McQuaid, Secretary  
Wyckoff Environmental Committee