

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2021

Date: Monday, October 18, 2021
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Upstairs Ladder Back Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Commissioner, Celeste Homaychak, Wyckoff Environmental Commission. The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Environmental Secretary/Commissioner Denise Capparelli

"The October 18, 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 Homaychak, Roger Lane, Ben Weiner, and Township Committee Liaison Rudy Boonstra and Jr Commissioners Sebastian Dash, Lauren Markariann
- ✦ Absent: Charlotte Cannizzo
- ✦ Green Team Volunteers present: Stanley Goodman

Motion to approve minutes from the September 20, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Lane; Second: Bogdansky

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Planning Board Liaison Bogdansky Y Chairwoman Homaychak Y

I. Priority Review Items

1. *Single Use plastic/paper bag ordinance* – Commissioner Weiner reported that the Borough of Oakland gave a presentation on actions for the new plastic reduction law.
2. *Clean Communities*- Mr. Boonstra had no information on how the grant is budgeted at this time
3. *Sustainable Jersey* - Ms. Capparelli recommended all Commissioners look at the Sustainable Jersey website to start thinking about re-certification for 2022. As this is an Environmental Commission responsibility, all Commissioners are required to update actions for recertification.

II. Planning Board update – Commissioner Bogdansky reported that TD Bank installed safety bollards in front of the bank. There has been an extension delay in the sale of the Canterbury Maple Lake subdivision.

III. Grant Programs for 2021: The Township will apply for all grant opportunities in 2021

- a. Priority- SJ/Gardinier Environmental Fund energy efficiency program – Ms. Capparelli reported that all building upgrades have been completed. She is working with Green Team Mark Niederman to follow up with the Chamber of Commerce for a second Commercial Energy outreach presentation in early 2022. He is awaiting feedback from Sustainable Jersey.
- b. Other new grant opportunities? Please provide thorough and complete information to Ms. Capparelli

IV. New Business

- a. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) update – per Mr. Boonstra no further information at this time.

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- b. Fall Shred Fest—was a success. 346 cars, 2 walker and 1 bicyclist dropped off their coincidental papers for shredding and recycling. Police reported that 46lbs of drugs/medicines were collected in their Drug Takeback program. The Styrofoam Drive was a huge success with the 13 cubic yard truck twice filled up with Styrofoam for collection and recycling. Mrs. Fischer and Mr. Boonstra visited Poly Molding for a site visit on how the Styrofoam is recycled. Thank you to, WEC and Green Team volunteers: Mark Niederman, JR Frank, Jenny Feliciano, DPW and Police for their assistance.
- c. Growing the Green Team- Commissioners requested a small advert included in the Township E-News or Facebook page to promote more volunteers for the Green Team. Mr. Stanley Goodman, a new Green Team volunteer attended his first meeting.
- d. The Township has added a referendum to the 2021 November general election ballot- Open Space Bond Referendum. The Commission discussed creating awareness of this important ballot question to the public. Some ideas included Commissioners posting their own (non-partisan) message to alert the town of the referendum and where to look for it on the ballot.

V. Other Business

- 1. Jr. Commissioner Projects and Updates
 - a. Lauren- Trex plastic recycling program – doing great!
 - 1. Over 800lbs plastic (a varied mix) was collected in one and a half months. Plastic was weighed and dropped off at Stop and Shop. The goal to receive a Trex bench was met but Commissioners decided due to the success of the program to re-promote the program through drop-off locations at the retail outlets. Will need to promote via Township E-News, website and social media
 - 2. Wyckoff Living Magazine did a feature article about the WEC Trex program in their September issue. Commissioner Homaychak to follow up with magazine to promote the Trex program success as well as other Jr Commissioner successful projects.
 - b. Sebastian –
 - 1. Completed a fantastic video to show in the elementary schools. Posted on Environmental/Green Team page of the Township website.
 - 2. Attended the Wyckoff BOE meeting to announce 5 winners of the Styrofoam contest and present Certificates. Winners are as follows: Alessandra W and Mia P from Coolidge, Shaela S and Sophia S. from Lincoln and Finley K. from Eisenhower M.S.
 - c. Charlotte – 10-12 PSAs for K-8 schools
- 2. Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB updates – Mr. Weiner reported the HUB will be holding a Zoom meeting on Oct. 25th. The group has invited a County Commissioner to attend the meeting.
- 3. Wyckoff School Liaison Reports- it was National Walk to School Day. Mrs. Fischer is preparing a binder that outlines guidelines for elementary/middle schools on creating and sustaining Environmental Clubs...Oakland's planting event was forwarded to the Wyckoff schools.
- 4. Stormwater Management- ordinances and requirements have been updated. This is complete and will be removed from the Agenda.
- 5. Recycle Coach App update – for September -- 93 new subscribers. 2,833 to date since inception
- 6. BCUA - Household Hazardous Waste- November 13 Moonachie

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7. RecycleBalls tennis recycling program update – Commissioner Homyachak reported that the program is going well. Mr. Ho has been collecting tennis balls and handling administration to the Recycle Ball takeback program. WEC would like an update on how many tennis balls have been collected so far and any pictures for Sustainable Jersey actions. Commission is requesting updates and possibly some photos of the collection program.
8. Commissioners mentioned the Wyckoff PTO Economy Shop will be opening again on November 2nd. They will be accepting donations of all items- clothing, furniture, etc. This is a great way to recycle your old and unused items for a good cause.
9. Ridgewood Water- is holding monthly open public meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 19th at 7pm. See their website for more information.

VI. Green Team Volunteer Approved Activities/Comments

- a. Wyckoff School's WEC Liaison update – Mrs. Fischer reported that all schools now have Green Teams

VII. Next meeting – November 15, 2021

VIII. Adjournment – There being no further business. A motion to adjourn by Mr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Weiner was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Capparelli
Environmental Commissioner/Secretary