

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022

Date: Monday, November 14, 2022
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Ave., Wyckoff, NJ, Ladderback Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chairwoman Fischer. Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Secretary Denise Capparelli

“The November 14, 2022, 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: Kelli Benedik, Denise Capparelli, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Ben Weiner, Eve N, Justin S.
Absent: Mae Bogdansky, Danyel Competiello, Roger Lane, Township Committee Liaison Melchionne, Sebastian D
Green Team: Stan Goodman, MaryAnn Crawford

Motion to approve minutes from the October 17, 2022, meeting.

Motion: Kober Second: Weiner
Benedik Y Board Liaison Bogdansky Absent Competiello Absent Fischer Y Koeber Y
Lane Absent Weiner Y

1) Priority Review Items:

- a) Sustainable Jersey Silver Re-Certification – Wyckoff received Silver Certification for 2022! Community Gardens, Energy Tracking and Safe Routes to Schools initiated by the Wyckoff Police Dept. were approved actions that gave the Township a total of 390 points toward Silver Certification. Mrs. Fischer and Ms. Capparelli will be attending the Sustainable Jersey Awards luncheon on November 15 to accept the award. Thank you to those Commissioners and Green Team volunteers who helped to achieve Silver Certification.
- b) Mr. Weiner proposed to continue the momentum by implementing and submitting individual actions as they are completed into the SJ portal to alleviate the last-minute rush to meet all the requirements.

2) Grant Programs for 2022:

- a) Currently no new grant opportunities

3) Planning Board – Commissioner Bogdansky is absent.

4) New Business

- a) The WEC Green Fair is scheduled for 11/19/22 from 11 am – 2 pm in the Shotmeyer Room at the Wyckoff Library. Information tables include What is the WEC/Green Team, Townwide recycling program, No Idling, Styrofoam Recycling, Pollinators, Tree, and Composting, Invitees include the RIH and IHHS Environmental Clubs, EMS Green Nation, Wyckoff Area Garden Club, Partners in Pride, and Economy Shop. There will be games from ANJEC and an arts and crafts area. All Commissioners and Green Team volunteers are invited to lend their support. PTO E-Blasts, Township PSAs, and social media posts.
- b) The Trex Plastic Bag and Film Recycling Challenge was once again a success. 503 pounds of plastic waste was collected earning another Trex Bench for the library.
- c) FLOW Film Festival- Chairwoman Fischer reported for JR. Frank that the committee had their first meeting and scheduled 4 events (3 events in May and 1 outdoor movie in June) Some of the movie themes considered are: Local Farm to Table with Abma's Farm participating, Institute of Architects. The committee is still looking for themes and movies for the events.

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- d) The Leave the Leaves” promotion was not approved by the Township Committee at this time due to the delayed leaf pickup. Commissioners would like to reintroduce the PSA in the spring.
- e) Update of the WEC logo- Ms. Capparelli will send Commissioners samples of new logo ideas. Commissioners and Jr. Commissioners are invited to submit their creative artwork.
- f) Ms. Capparelli introduced a Trick or Trash program for communities and schools to get a free collection bin to collect candy wrappers from Halloween. She will send link to Commissioners. Mr. Weiner mentioned possible schools having a competition on who collects the most candy wrappers.

5) Other Business

- a) Junior Commissioners reports– Chair Fischer reported – Eve will lead the Green Fair event on 11.19.22, Sebastian’s video on Pollinators was shared with the K-8 schools and parents via principals’ eblasts, and Justin will complete and share his video on Trees before the December meeting
- b) Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB – Commissioner Weiner reported the HUB’s first in-person meeting was hosted by Wyckoff at the Wyckoff Library on Oct. 24. Discussions continue on a countywide Styrofoam densifier. The issue is finding a town that will sponsor and house the densifier. The HUB is working with Bergen County on a grant to support the project. Mr. Weiner would like to implement a sustainable landscaping best practices program for the Township. He stated there is a subcommittee on the Bergen HUB that is
- c) Mrs. Fischer stated there is one new applicant interested in the JR. Commissioner volunteer position for 2023. Information was sent to the high school Guidance Department and Environmental Clubs. It will be posted on the WEC section of the township website.
- d) Wyckoff School’s WEC Liaison – Mrs. Fischer reported that there is a new chair of the PTO Green Committee at the Eisenhower Middle School and all the elementary schools have chairs for their PTO Green Committees. Mrs. Fischer will co-chair, managing the Community Garden at the middle school. She mentioned it would be a good opportunity for high school students to help and gain community service hours. The elementary schools participated in the National Walk to School Day this month.
- e) Recycle Coach – April = 43 new subscribers, YTD subscribers = 3,515
- f) BCUA: Household Hazardous Waste/Other Waste events – Saturday, Nov. 19th in Moonachie is the last event for 2022
- g) Leaf collection is moving slowly due to equipment and human resource issues. Currently in Districts 5 and 6.

- 6) Adjournment** – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Weiner and seconded by Commissioner Benedik was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 8:15pm.

Next meeting – December 19, 2022 – 7:00 pm Wyckoff Public Library, Shotmeyer Meeting Room- 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary