

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)  
MAY 18, 2015 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, May 18, 2015

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Harriet Shugarman (Chairwoman); Janice Reynen; Christine Key; Pete Wiederhold; Christopher DePhillips; Tom Madigan, Planning Board Liaison; Yoonsun Choi, Student Member; Kirsten Skead, Student Member; Jeremy Swenson, Student Member; Tess Walpole, Student Member; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Randy Hoogerheyde; Haakon Jepsen, Committeeman

**GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Adams; Jim Savage.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Harriet Shugarman.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Chair Shugarman:

“The May 18, 2015 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 April 20, 2015 meeting minutes.

Motion: Reynen Second: Wiederhold  
Madigan Y Key Y Hoogerheyde AB DePhillips AB  
Wiederhold Y Reynen Y Shugarman AB

**II** Public Comment Opportunity  
No Comments

**III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/Grants for 2015**  
Upcoming and Past Events

- Chair Shugarman said Girl Scout Troop 94686 was present this evening with a presentation as to how they are going to build a monarch way station with help from community landscape partners at the Russell Farms Community Park as a scout project. Natalie Rosica, Julia

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Brickman, Maggie Bojcik, Victoria Jolakian and Lily Wagner were present and explained the project to the Commissioners during a video presentation. They said that the maintenance and care of the station will be adopted by other Wyckoff Girl Scout Troops also. The WEC and Green Team will work with the Troop to develop an educational brochure, and with guidance from Commissioner Reynen, will also help create signage that fits in with the current park signage system. The \$1,500.00 ANJEC Open Space Grant awarded to the township will be used for this purpose. The Wyckoff Environmental Commissioners gave a warm applaud to the Girl Scouts for their presentation and concern about the decreasing population of the Monarch Butterflies.

- Chair Shugarman said there will be an ANJEC sponsored Garden Party Gala hosted at Fernbrook Farms in Chesterfield Township on May 29, 2015.
- On June 10, 2015 New Jersey will offer a New Jersey Sustainable Summit where the towns input is requested as the State develops state-level goals and indicators in order to describe a vision for a sustainable state. In 2016 the goals and indicators from this Summit will serve as a foundation for the development of a Gold level of municipal certification. The new Sustainable Jersey for schools certification project will also likely be discussed.
- Commissioner Reynen said on Friday, May 15, 2015 she and Beth Fisher, a Green Ambassador from Sicomac School, attended the second annual "Healthy Living Fair," coordinated by Ms. Fisher. Commissioner Reynen said that Terracycle offers national programs (Brigades®) to collect previously non-recyclable or hard to recycle waste. They provide a free waste collection program for hard to recycle materials and then turn the waste into affordable green products.
- Ramapo High School Student Member Kirsten Skead said on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 there was a walk/bike or ride the school bus event. Commissioner Key said that traffic was reduced by 25%. For those who participated they received a home work pass and a bagel. Student Member Tess Walpole said this was also done at Indian Hills High School.
- Student Member Yoonsun Choi said that she has been advertising at Bergen Academies for the Green Video Awards (GVA). She said the students are requesting to apply using YouTube or through the internet. Green Team Task Force Member JR Frank said the deadline has been extended to accommodate the students.
- Green Team Task Force Member John Adams advised that on Wednesday, April 22, he represented the Wyckoff Green Team on Earth Day at Becton Dickinson in Franklin Lakes, to discuss the value of composting and plastic film recycle.

#### **IV New Business**

- Chair Shugarman said the Environmental Commission did not receive Sustainable Jersey grant money for the installation of solar panels to operate flashing signals at Fire House #3 to alert motorists of existing Fire Trucks. However, the town will construct this public safety improvement powered by the solar panels, as an example of safety programs utilizing renewable energy options.

#### **V Old Business**

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## **Fishing Derby/Wyckoff Day – Saturday, June 6, 2015**

The Wyckoff Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday June 6, 2015 from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at Zabriskie Pond Park and Wyckoff Day will also be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wyckoff YMCA. Commissioner Wiederhold will be organizing the Fishing Derby. Chair Shugarman asked for volunteers to assist with these events. Green Team Task Force Member John Adams will assist with a composting demonstration at the event. Commissioner Wiederhold said the Commission should explore utilizing a Hackensack River Keeper rain barrel demonstration.

Chair Shugarman reminded the Student Members that if they have friends that help volunteer at these functions, the WEC will need a list of these students so letters can be provided to them for community service hours soon after the event has taken place.

## **Film Festival Update**

Commissioner Wiederhold said that approximately 40-45 people attended the first film “The Rise of Ecology. A CERT member gave a presentation after this film was over. The second film Dirt!” was also well attended. Green Team Task Force Member John Adams gave a presentation on plastic. The next two (2) films to be viewed are:

- How to Boil a Frog. Thursday, May 21, 2015
- The Resilient Ones. Thursday, May 28, 2015

## **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
  2. Grant Updates – ANJEC Grant
- Chair Shugarman and Green Team Task Force Member Jim Savage have updated the Green Team Membership application which will be placed on the Wyckoff Webpage with the volunteer information and sent to the local newspaper.
  - Chair Shugarman announced that Julio Diaz is moving to Costa Rico by the end of June and the WEC will need someone to manage the Green Team Website which Julio had created. Commissioner Wiederhold said he will take over the site for the interim.
  - Commissioner Madigan said students will be presenting their full business proposal at the FLOW Shark Tank Contest on May 27 at 7:30 PM in the Ramapo Library. Contestants will have three minutes to present and followed by five minutes to question. Teachers and representatives from the Wyckoff Chamber of Commerce will serve as judges.
  - Bob Harz, President of the Senior Club, said that at the next Senior Citizen meeting he will discuss the “Mayor’s Wellness Challenge”. He will gather information as to what the seniors would like included as part of this challenge.

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- Commissioner Key proposed that the new “my Wyckoff 07481” canvas bags be sold through Town Hall and possibly the Wyckoff Economy Shop. The sale of the bags will need to be accounted for by the Environmental Commissioners. Commissioner Madigan said he will reach out to Lee Parker at the YMCA about selling the canvas bags at Wyckoff Day.

## **VII Planning Board Update**

Commissioner Madigan said there was no information to report.

## **VIII Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

## **IX Adjournment**

There being no further business a motion was made at 8:50 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Schilstra McQuaid, Secretary  
Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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