

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
APRIL 17, 2017 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, April 17, 2017
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Wiederhold, Chair; Christine Key; John McCauley; Denise Capparelli; Tom Madigan, Committeeman; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Nick Rea, Junior Member Bergen Academies; Dan O'Connell, Junior Member Ramapo; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Hoogerheyde

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: JR Frank

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Pete Wiederhold.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Pete Wiederhold:

"The April 17, 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 March 20, 2017 meeting minutes.
Motion: Wiederhold Second: McCauley
Fortunato AB Capparelli Y McCauley Y Key Y
Hoogerheyde AB Madigan Y Wiederhold Y

II PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY
No Comments

**III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/ANJEC Grants for 2017
UPCOMING AND PAST EVENTS**
Chair Wiederhold said the WEC has applied for the Sustainable Jersey small grants program. Notification is expected the end of April.

IV NEW BUSINESS

- **TEAM UP TO TIDY UP (TUTU) - Saturday, April 1, 2017 – Update**
Chairman Wiederhold stated that there was a good turnout for this event. This year the WEC held a t-shirt contest requesting students in Grades K-8 to create a hand drawn logo using the message Reduce, Reuse, Recycle to raise awareness about recycling. The winning design was

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by Luke Scoropanos who received a \$100 gift certificate and his log was printed on the free t-shirts that were distributed to event participants. The winner of Grades K-2 was Ellie Kim who received a \$50 gift certificate, the winner of Grades 3-5 category was Jake Scoropanos who received a \$50 gift certificate and the winner of the Grades 6-8 category was Ashley Park who received a \$50 gift certificate. Commissioner Key said the prizes were generously donated by the Chamber of Commerce. Green Team Task Force Member JR Frank will make a collage of all the T-shirt submittals and they will be placed at each of the schools. Also, the WEC would like to thank Fran Piskadlo, Environmental Commission Liaison, for her organizational skills and knowledge of this TUTU event which she efficiently coordinates each year.

- **SHREDFEST** - Saturday, April 8, 2017 – Update
Chair Wiederhold said this event was also a success. Approximately 325 residents deposited their personal documents for shredding which resulted in approximately 10,000 pounds or six tons of shredded recycled paper. Many volunteers, including the CERTS, helped along with the Wyckoff Environmental Commissioners.
- **FLOW FILM FESTIVAL** – Update
Chair Wiederhold said the 2 final films were shown. Thank you to Library Director Laura Leonard for helping to orchestrate “The Highlands Rediscovered” film at the Wyckoff Library along with a discussion from Ridgewood Water Director of Operations Rich Calbi. Also, a special thank you to JR Frank who organized the 4 FLOW films for the 2017 film festival.
- **FISHING DERBY** – June 3, 2017 – Arrive at 8:00 a.m. to Zabriskie Pond Park
Chair Wiederhold said volunteers are needed. The 2 Junior Members will attend this event. This is a catch and release event for young anglers 14 years old and younger. Fran Piskadlo, Environmental Commission Liaison, will assist the Commissioners with organizing the stocking of Zabriskie Pond and purchasing the prizes for the 3 age categories. This event is coordinated with Wyckoff Day.
- **WYCKOFF DAY** – June 3, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Registration deadline is April 15
Chair Wiederhold said the WEC has registered for this event. Township Committeeman Madigan said Wyckoff Day will kick off with a Mayor’s Wellness Walk around Pulis Field. Commissioner Key said ANJEC will supply the WEC booth with family and festival energy games for Wyckoff Day.
- **WELCOME 2017 JUNIOR COMMISSIONERS** Nick Rea & Dan O’Connell. Also Green Team Member Julia Alfano
Nick Rea, a student at Bergen Academies and Dan O’Connell, a student at Ramapo High School, will be the new Junior Members of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission. The Commissioners warmly welcomed the 2 newest members. Commissioner McCauley asked Nick and Dan what their projects will be this year. Dan said his project will be climate change. Nick will advise the Commissioners at the next meeting what his project will be. Green Team Member Julia Alfano will assist the Commissioners with the Natural Resource Inventory Project.
- **PROPOSED WATER SYMPOSIUM** with Ridgewood Water for Wyckoff residents – discussion
Commissioner Key said this symposium was combined with the film festival. Agra is the company that will analyze the water collected by the residents at a small cost to the resident.

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- **“WASTE IT ONCE, PAY FOR IT TWICE”** – Public information program to encourage recycling. This program was identified in the April 2017 community newsletter of the Township of Wyckoff and get more people action oriented. Ideas and volunteers are requested.
- **RECYCLOMETER** – Update
Commissioner Key said the recycloimeter reading for March is 31.18%. February’s reading was 35.05%.
- **ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN** – This is a public information program to discourage littering, pet waste and people pollution. Ideas and volunteers are requested.
- **DON’T TREAT YOUR RECYCLABLES LIKE TRASH! Recycle, recycle, recycle** – This is the Township’s primary public information effort to persuade residents to help the other township residents reach the “nifty-fifty” (the State of New Jersey’s mandate for each municipality to recycle 50% of their waste). Ideas requested.

V OLD BUSINESS

- **MAYOR’S WELLNESS COMMITTEE** (a component of Sustainable Jersey)
The Mayor’s Wellness Walk around Pulis Field will kick off Wyckoff Day this year.
- **WEC website/Facebook/Twitter** – Update
Chair Wiederhold said the site is up and running. Save the date event have been updated on these sites.
- **NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT** – Update
Commissioner Key said the next meeting is Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wyckoff Library in the History Room. Our goal is to complete the project by the end of year 2017.

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 on March 12, 2017 there was a healthy living fair at Sicomac School. She reminded the Commissioners that Earth Day is Saturday, April 22 and Arbor Day is Saturday, April 29 with a ceremony at 9:00 a.m. at Washington Elementary School. Also the Bergen County Utilities Authority 2017 Household Hazardous Waste Collection is on Sunday, April 30th and Sunday, June 25th from 9 to 3 p.m. in Paramus and Saturday, May 13th and July 22nd in Mahwah.
- Green Team Member JR Frank revisited the maintenance of the Monarch Butterfly Garden at Russell Farm. Township Committeeman Madigan said this garden does not need to be maintained. The Commissioners all agreed that permanent signage should be placed in front of this garden so visitors will know why it looks unkempt.

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VII PLANNING BOARD UPDATE

- Township Committeeman Madigan said the Shop Rite litigation has ended and construction will begin on the new Shop Rite Supermarket. He also said two (2) new ordinances have been passed that trees will now be further protected during septic installations, new construction and additions.

VIII Next meeting – May 15, 2017

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee