

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
AUGUST 15, 2016 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, August 15, 2016

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Wiederhold, Chair; Harriet Shugarman; Christine Key; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Susan McQuaid, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher DePhillips; John McCauley; Randy Hoogerheyde; Tom Madigan, Committeeman

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 August 15, 2016 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 June 20, 2016 meeting minutes.
The minutes were not adopted due to lack of voting members.
Motion: _____ Second: _____
Fortunato _____ McCauley _____ Key _____ Hoogerheyde _____
Madigan _____ DePhillips _____ Shugarman _____ Wiederhold _____

II Public Comment Opportunity
No Comments

III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/Grants for 2016
UPCOMING AND PAST EVENTS

IV Old Business

- Monarch Butterfly Way Station at Russell Farms Community Park
Chair Wiederhold said he received a phone call as to who is maintaining the Monarch Butterfly Garden. He said it is a wild flower garden and does not need maintenance. Commissioner Shugarman said this garden is to help the community develop natural gardens with native

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species. She added that Wendy Rosica, Green Team Member and Girl Scout Leader, said the garden should not require maintenance once it has been established which takes 2 growing seasons. Ms. Rosica said the Girl Scouts will maintain the Monarch Garden.

- **Mayor's Wellness Committee**
Commissioner Shugarman said she has spoken with Bob Shannon & Chris DePhillips about this healthy living program. Commissioner DePhillips will be preparing an update for Sustainable Jersey credit.
- **Pilgrim Pipeline Update**
Commissioner Shugarman said 15 municipal towns are hiring a consultant to prepare an environmental assessment. She said the Pilgrim Pipeline does not need federal approval through Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for its installation but requires NJDEP and Highlands Council approval. She added that the Pipeline is a private endeavor which wants to place this pipeline in the right of way (ROW) in the roadway. PSE&G has already said they cannot use their ROW.
- **Sensory Garden at Russell Farms Community Park**
Chair Wiederhold said Mayor Rooney and Commissioner Scanlan are working on this project.
- **WyckoffGreenTeam.org**
Chair Wiederhold said the site is up and running with the assistance of Chris Miller, an Eagle Scout who has knowledge of the software used with the WEC website. He added that the WEC received Sustainable Jersey credit for this project.

V New Business

- **Ordinance #1807 – Maximum impervious coverage**
Planning Board Liaison Fortunato said this ordinance will allow residents to install a paver patio without obtaining Zoning Board approval if over on impervious coverage. Commissioner Shugarman was concerned with the issue of runoff. JR Frank was concerned with the lack of control on impervious coverage and was pleased to see the additional items such as driveway, front and side yard walkways and patios, structures, and any type of sport athletic court remain as part of the impervious coverage calculation.
- **2016 Sustainable Jersey Certification**
Commissioner Shugarman reviewed the current update of silver certification. She said she is confident that 265 credits have been secured out of the 350 credits needed. She said she will send out an email reminding Environmental Commissioners and Green Team Task Force volunteers of their tasks. Ms. Shugarman said she will resubmit the first week in September. The Sustainable Jersey Awards Ceremony will be in November at the League of Municipality where the Wyckoff EC anticipates achieving another Silver Award (Wyckoff's the only municipality in Bergen county to have reached the silver status).
- **Commissioner Key asked if the WEC could have a night meeting at one of the outdoor classrooms at the elementary school or do a visit to the outdoor classrooms on a Saturday.** Secretary McQuaid will seek advice from Township Administrator Shannon regarding this request.

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- Commissioner Key also asked that the Natural Resource Inventory project be placed on the agenda again. She said at the May meeting Township Committee Representative Madigan said the inventory can be started but he recommended that it be added to next year's budget. JR Frank suggested obtaining a model of Natural Resource Inventory from ANJEC. Commissioner Shugarman will follow through on this request.

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

VII Planning Board Update – Robert Fortunato

VIII Next meeting – September 19, 2016

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee