

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
MAY 15, 2017 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, May 15, 2017
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Wiederhold, Chair; John McCauley; 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: Christine Key; Denise Capparelli; Randy Hoogerheyde

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams; 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 May 15, 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 April 17, 2017 meeting minutes.
Motion: McCauley Second: Fortunato
Fortunato Y Capparelli AB McCauley Y Key AB
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 and are still waiting for notification which was expected the end of April.

IV NEW BUSINESS

- **FISHING DERBY** – June 3, 2017 – Arrive at 8:00 a.m. to Zabriskie Pond Park
Chair Wiederhold said volunteers are needed. Several Commissioners and Green Team Members offered their help during this event. The 2 Junior Members will also attend this event. This is a catch and release event for young anglers 14 years old and younger. Fran Piskadlo,

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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 the new Pulis Field. Several Commissioners offered to help during this event. Commissioner McCauley said Ridgewood Water will be supplying empty vials for water testing. Rain barrels, composters and Wyckoff canvas bags will be available for purchase. TUTU T-shirts and seed packets will be given out as prizes. Chair Wiederhold said that Commissioner Key and Commissioner Capparelli will provide family and festival energy games at the WEC booth. Chair Wiederhold said he will speak with Bob Shannon about supplying handouts about "Waste It Once, Pay For It Twice" and "Only Rain in the Drain" public information be distributed at the WEC booth. The theme for the day is "Conservation". Green Team Task Force Member JR Frank said he would like develop a handout to educate the residents as to how and why to conserve water.
- **"WASTE IT ONCE, PAY FOR IT TWICE"** – Public information program to encourage recycling. This program was identified in the April 2017 resident newsletter of the Township of Wyckoff and to encourage more people to recycle and pre-cycle. Ideas and volunteers are requested.
- **RECYCLOMETER** – Update
At the April WEC meeting Commissioner Key said the recyclometer reading for March is 31.18%. She will update it for the June meeting.
- **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.
- **JUNIOR MEMBER PROJECTS**
Junior Member Nick Rea said his project will be composting and he will be measuring by weight how much money can be saved on composting verses garbage. Junior Member Dan O'Connell said he will provide a PSA video or Instagram on the effect of climate change on a particular piece of land and how it will look in 10, 20 and 30 years from now.

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 at 10:30 a.m. Meet at the main stage.
- **WEC website/Facebook/Twitter** – Update
Chair Wiederhold said the site is up and running well.

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- **NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT** – Update
Commissioner Fortunato and Commissioner McCauley said they will meeting again in the next few weeks. Several areas of town have been assigned for review by the Commissioners and Committee Members. Green Team Member Julia Alfano will be reviewing the wildlife section of the Inventory. Committeeman Madigan asked that the Commissioner's identify the areas that will require monetary funding. Commissioner McCauley said there will be a hyperlink from one resource to the other. Green Team Task Force Member JR Frank said the hyperlink may need professional assistance with this feature. Commissioner McCauley said this project will need to meet ANJEC's requirement for Sustainable Jersey status. The goal remains to complete this 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
- Green Team Task Force Member John Adams said he attended a seminar on best practices for yard maintenance. He will bring a resource for Wyckoff Day. He asked Committeeman Madigan if the Township of Wyckoff has passed a new water emergency ordinance. Committeeman Madigan said that Ridgewood Water has approach 4 towns and would like to institute a year round water restriction with severe penalties for residents. He said the Township Committee has not completed an ordinance amendment.
- Green Team Task Force Member John Adams also said he attended a conference with regards to better recycling. He said Fair Lawn has an active recycling program where the bags are checked at the curb (but didn't say by whom). He said that Sussex is recycling Styrofoam at a cost of 10 cents per pound. The Styrofoam can be made into molding.

VII PLANNING BOARD UPDATE

- Commissioner Fortunato said the Planning Board has been reviewing the Ridgewood Water generator applications for 7 well/pump facilities in Wyckoff. Ridgewood Water is proposing to install diesel gas powered emergency generators which will provide emergency power during power outages so Ridgewood Water can continue to provide drinking water to the area.

VIII Next meeting – June 19, 2017

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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