## WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC) JUNE 20, 2016 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, June 20, 2016

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

- LOCATION: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ
- **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pete Wiederhold, Chair; Christopher DePhillips; John McCauley; Randy Hoogerheyde; Robert Fortunato, Planning Board Liaison; Susan McQuaid, Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Harriet Shugarman; Christine Key; Tom Madigan, Committeeman

**GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Adams; Mark Niederman; Julie Wisniewski, Junior Commissioner and Andrew Sander, Junior Commissioner.

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 June 20, 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.

- Motion was made and seconded to adopt the May 16, 2016 meeting minutes.
  Motion: <u>McCauley</u> Second: <u>Fortunato</u>
  Fortunato <u>Y</u> McCauley <u>Y</u> Key <u>AB</u> Hoogerheyde <u>Y</u>
  Madigan <u>AB</u> DePhillips Shugarman <u>AB</u> Wiederhold <u>Y</u>
- II Public Comment Opportunity No Comments
- III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities/Programs/Grants for 2016 UPCOMING AND PAST EVENTS

## IV Old Business

• Fishing Derby – Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Zabriskie Pond

"Don't treat your recyclables like trash." Recycle weekly! WEC 06/20/2016 Minutes Chair Wiederhold said this event was well attended and a great success. More than 150 children joined in the fishing for fun and prizes. Members of the Township Committee and the Environmental commission were available to assist Fran Piskadlo and Bob Shannon. Secretary McQuaid reported that Fran Piskadlo sent a thank you letter from the Environmental Commission to Dave Schottanes, the owner of the North Haledon General Store, for his donation of a flat of worms to the Fishing Derby event.

• Wyckoff Day – Saturday, June 4, 2016

Chair Wiederhold said the main feature of the WEC booth were the monarch butterfly, the importance of milk weed for their migration and survival, energy grant forums, rain barrels and composters. He said that next year the WEC will need to establish a hand out or give away to persons visiting the booth. Green Team Task Force Member John Adams said he gave a mini energy efficient presentation about light bulbs at the booth. Congressman Garrett visited the WEC booth.

- Grand Opening June 7, 2016 4 pm. Monarch Butterfly Way Station at Russell Farms Community Park
   Chair Wiederhold said the grand opening of the Monarch Butterfly Way Station at Russell Farms Community Park was another success. The Girl Scout gave a presentation and handed out a Keep Calm & Save the Monarchs" pamphlet explaining how this Monarch Waystation will provide a safe haven for Monarch Butterflies as well as other native plants and animals.
- Commissioner McCauley said a series of forums for the Wyckoff Community were presented on water and lead. The energy efficient workshop was on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 and the water forum on May 31, 2016 was well attended.
- Mayor's Wellness Committee Update Commissioner DePhillips said there was a Mayor Wellness walk at Pulis Field on Saturday, June 4, 2016
- Pilgrim Pipeline Update Chair Wiederhold reported there is no update on this item
- Sensory Garden at Russell Farms Community Park Chair Wiederhold will follow up on this item.

## V New Business

• 2016 Sustainable Jersey Certification

Green Team Member John Adams said he is working on innovative community projects which will be completed for recertification. Chair Wiederhold said the WEC met the June 15 deadline of placing items on the Sustainable Jersey website that they feel are required for recertification to maintain silver status. These items will need to be completed by September 5, 2016. Commissioner McCauley has completed his item on water. Green Team Member Mark Niederman is working on the energy forum credits and another energy presentation will be on businesses for the Wyckoff Chamber of Commerce.

• WyckoffGreenTeam.org

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Chair Wiederhold stated that the website is back up and working. He said he will update the website and put photos from the Fishing Derby and Wyckoff Day on the website.

• Junior Commissioners – project update. Julie Wisniewski reported that she is working on the water and/or recycling and will focus on the global and community aspects for her project. Andrew Sander said Ramapo High School did not receive the \$1,000 grant. He said the indoor water station will be installed by the school custodial department who will also check the carbon filters and replace them when indicated. He also said he would like to emphasize recycling by placing 3 recycle containers throughout the school. He also suggested giving reusable water bottle to athletes which can be refilled at the water stations.

## VI Green Team Task Force

**1. Community** – Commissioner Christine Key & Beth Fischer, Green Team/Green Goddess, Sicomac; Julia Wisniewski, Junior Commissioner; Heather Prium, Student Green Team Member

**2.** Building and Energy – Commissioner Randy Hoogerheyde & Ann Rahikainen, Green Team

**3. Land Use and Local Business** – Planning Board Liaison Rob Fortunato & JR Frank, Green Team

**4. Waste Management, Operations & Facilities** – Commissioner John McCauley & John Adams, Green Team

• Green Team Task Force Member John Adams said he will be update the solid waste and recycling program in Wyckoff with the assistance from Bob Shannon and Scott Fisher.

**5. Media and Press Relations** – Chair Pete Wiederhold, Commissioner Harriet Shugarman & Commissioner Chris DePhillips

#### VII Planning Board Update

• Planning Board Liaison Robert Fortunato reported there are no updates.

#### VIII Next meeting

Chair Wiederhold said the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. has been canceled

#### IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan McQuaid, Secretary Wyckoff Environmental Committee

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