

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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(Approved at November 3rd, 2011 Meeting)

Minutes of October 6, 2011 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Leon Lakritz, Chairman. In attendance were Lola Pellegrino, Harry Larzelere, Russ Price, Ann Culkin, Chet Nawoyski, Anne Hastings, Ed Andricola, Mark Phillips, Jodi Smith, Rich Fini, and Daniel Morley. Minutes of our September 1, 2011 meeting were approved as read.

Guests

Michael Hogan, from South Jersey Land and Water Trust, spoke about the need to protect Swamp Pink, an endangered plant species, located in the Goodwin tract adjacent to the Atlantic City Expressway. Michael proposed that a deer fence be constructed to protect the Swamp Pink from browsing deer. The cost to implement this would be borne by the State/NJDEP. In addition, Mr. Hogan presented numerous photographs of the area showing the location of the Swamp Pink and the damage caused to the terrain and stream beds by hurricane Irene and from the prohibited and illegal use of ATV which are currently running rampant on this Township property.

Treasurer's Report

Harry Larzelere reported a balance of \$1,325 in our budget.

Old Business

Township Clean Up Day

Anne Hastings announced that we have approximately 450 volunteers for Clean Up Day scheduled for Saturday, October 15. She reviewed the schedule of assignments for Environmental Commission members which needed to be carried out prior to and on Clean Up Day. The boxes of materials containing T-shirts, gloves, and trash bags for the Clean Up teams will be assembled on Friday, October 14th, in the Township Municipal Building starting at 5:00 p.m.

WTEC Planning Calendar

Leon Lakritz will add America Recycles Day, scheduled for November 15, 2011, to the Planning Calendar.

Earth Day 2012

No report.

Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement

No report.

Guest Seminars

No report.

Stream Sampling/Street Light Program

Chet Nawoyski continues his efforts to find a coordinator for stream sampling. He is working with the schools and the Community Coordinator for Interact.

New Business

Planning & Zoning Boards

Rich Fini reviewed the following applications:

Planning Board – September 6, 2011

- E & R Properties, 263 Blackwood-Barnesboro Road. This is a child care facility. The project received preliminary and final approval.
- Cellular Sales of NJ, 5340 Route 42 (formerly Dunkin Donuts). Site plan waiver and signage.

Planning Board – September 20, 2011

- WP Plaza, 5901 Route 42 (Burlington Coat Factory). Signage and landscaping.

Zoning Board – September 12, 2011

- Washington Development (Azimi) 229 Delsea Drive. This is a self-storage facility. Matter was postponed.

Open Space

No report.

Council

No report.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/Dorothy Hunter

Dorothy Hunter, Secretary
Washington Township Environmental Commission