

WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Public Business Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023

Date: Monday, October 16, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Wyckoff Town Hall, Ladderback Room, 340 Franklin Ave. Wyckoff, NJ 07481

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairwoman Fischer. Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Secretary Capparelli

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Linda Ammerman , Mae Bogdnasky, Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Lisa Koeber, Roger Lane , Ben Weiner
Jr. Commissioners Present: Eve N, Alex C, Stephen C
Others Present: Denise Capparelli, Secretary

Motion to approve minutes from the September 19, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Lane Second: Bogdansky
Ammerman: Abstain Board Liaison Bogdansky: Y Competiello: Y Fischer: Y Koeber: Y
Lane: Y Weiner: Y

Priority Review Items:

- Wyckoff Day 2023 was cancelled and rescheduled for June 1, 2024. It is scheduled for the same day as the annual Fishing Derby, which will be held in the morning (8:30am-10:00am) before the YMCA event begins at 11am
- Leave the Leaves – Mr. Melchionne stated the Township Committee did not approve of the PSA since residents could be confused and leave the leaves on the lawn which could create an unpleasant odor and possibly mold in damp conditions. He stated leaves can be collected at the Recycling Center and residents can be informed at the compost events held annually and leaves used in flower beds as mulching is acceptable but not for covering lawns. Ms. Competiello stated she felt the flyer may lead to increased calls to the Township such as people complaining about their neighbor’s lawn as being unsightly or clarification of what they can/cannot do. She stated that residents will seek out their own composting.
- 2024 Spring Shredfest – Commissioners agreed on Saturday, May 4. Secretary Capparelli will confirm with the County for free shred truck the end of the year when their Shred Interest Form is available.
- Certified Wildlife Habitat – Ms. Ammerman will follow up with Ms. Capparelli regarding Russell Farms’ eligibility to qualify as a certified Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation.
- Jr. Commissioners 2024 - Ms. Capparelli to confirm flyer for schools and Township ENews and when it will be mailed to Ms. Fischer. The deadline to submit applications will be November 17, 2023.
- Jr. Commissioner project updates
 - (a) Fashion Show (Allie, Gabrielle and Alex) Alex reported that they have models lined up for different time slots for video recording. He has a date set up for interview with the Economy Shop co-presidents.
 - (b) Stephen reported that they will fix the QR code on the flyer to make sure it is live and working. He is waiting to hear from Mr. Melchionne if the Anti-Idling flyer is approved by the Township.
 - (c) Eve stated that she will need to know the available resources from WEC. Eve is working on a virtual folder to allow schools to sign up online for borrowed resources from the WEC.

Grant Programs:

- Sustainable Jersey/PSE&G small grant for Russell Farms Community Park signage. Mrs. Fischer will speak with Administrator regarding new costs from the vendor.

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Planning Board

- No update as there was no Planning Board meeting.

New Business

- Arbor Day- Mrs. Fischer coordinated with DPW and Shade Street for tree planting at George Washington Elementary School on Arbor Day, April 26, 2024, in honor of former Principal Mr. Desiderio.

Other Business:

- *SJ HUB*- Mr. Weiner reported the County funded Styrofoam Densifier is in the Village of Ridgefield Park and now operable to all Bergen County municipalities. It is being operated on a first come, first serve basis for monthly drop off. Ms. Capparelli reported that she spoke with Mr. Mark Olson at Ridgefield Park regarding the Township utilizing the densifier services. At this time, the densifier is open from 12pm-3pm and the Township can drop off Styrofoam but will have to utilize their own DPW personnel to feed the Styrofoam into the machine. The Village of Ridgefield Park has not solidified a shared agreement with other municipalities at this time. Ms. Capparelli also contacted Polymolding about a monthly Styrofoam collection drop off and was able to negotiate a monthly drop off.
- *Wyckoff K-8 Schools/PTO* Mrs. Fischer is gathering names of School Green Team Liaisons/contacts for Mr. Lane.
- *RIH Schools Report*- Commissioners Fischer and Lane gathered a list of approx. 50 high school volunteers at the Community Service Fair from the high schools to volunteer at the community garden.
- *WEC Facebook Page* –Township Committeeman Melchionne will follow up with Township Administrator and Township Committee for approval
- *Recycle Coach* – 52 new subscribers for April 2023, YTD since 2018 = 3,842
- Bergen County Utilities Authority
 - Household Hazardous Waste Recycling – Saturday, Nov. 18, Moonachie
 - Mobile shred, Electronics, Tires, Medication, Recycling-Sunday, no more dates for 2023

Next meeting – December 18, 2023 – 7:00 pm Wyckoff Public Library, Shotmeyer Meeting room. Mrs. Fischer will put together a list of 2023 WEC accomplishments and has asked Commissioners input for 2024 goals.

Adjournment – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Lane and seconded by Commissioner Bogdansky was unanimously passed. The meeting concluded at 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary