

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Public Business Meeting Minutes**  
**February 26, 2024**

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Date: Monday, February 26, 2024  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: Town Hall, Ladderback Room, 340 Franklin Ave., Wyckoff

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

**Roll Call:**

Commissioners Present: Linda Ammerman, Mae Bogdansky, Danyel Competiello, Beth Fischer, Ben Weiner  
Jr. Commissioners Present: Julia C., Thalia R., Lea B.  
Green Team Present: Mary Ann Crawford, Stan Goodman

**Motion to approve minutes from the January 22, 2024, meeting.**

Motion: Competiello Second: Koeber

Ammerman: Y Planning Board Liaison Bogdansky: Y Competiello: Y Fischer: Y Koeber: Absent Weiner: Y

**Priority Review Items**

- Former Commissioner Roger Lane has stepped down due to his recent appointment to the Township Committee.
- Spring Compost event will be held at Russell Farms Community Park. WEC agreed to order 15 more composters from Brand Builders LLC at \$65 per composter (total cost \$975). There are 3 composters remaining in inventory. Price has remained the same since last year. Mrs. Fischer will get estimate from BB. Mr. Weiner mentioned getting a composter for the Eisenhower Garden.
- Digital Library- the former 2023 Jr Commissioner project was reviewed by Commissioners. Mrs. Fischer will send a copy to Mr. Boonstra. Mrs. Fischer owns the website and will manage going forward. The website includes a link to WEC email to Ms. Capparelli regarding resources and availability.
- FLOW Film – Commissioners renamed the FLOW film to Environmental Film Series and will include 2 films. Green Team volunteer JR Frank in association with the NJ Architects Association will assist with the April 18 film: Solar For All. The second film, a documentary, is being reviewed first and will be broadcast on May 9. Franklin Lakes offered to help at the events. No response from Oakland Borough currently.
- Certified Wildlife Habitat Certification- Mrs. Ammerman reported that Russell Farms met the requirements and received certification and a sign from the Bergen County Audubon Society and a certificate from the NWF Wildlife Habitat. They are in the process of getting the BC Audubon Butterfly Garden Certification. Mrs. Ammerman will put together information for a PSA to promote the achievements via the Township social media page.

**Grant Programs**

- 2024 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant- application is due April 26, 2024. Mrs. Fischer recommended applying to get funds for more information and educational signs at Russell Farms that would help to mark and identify plant species growing at the park.
- 2023 Sustainable Jersey/PSE&G small grant for Russell Farms Community Park signage. – Ms. Fischer updated that the sign is in progress and details are being finalized. The final report for the grant is due May 23, 2024.

**Planning Board**

- No updates.

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**New Business**

- Website and Social Media- WEC requesting PSA flyers prior to events.
- Fishing Derby Subcommittee- Mae B and Danyel C offered to spearhead subcommittee. The subcommittee will decide on prizes and any new ideas for the Fishing Derby.
- Wyckoff Family YMCA Healthy Kids Day table- Need Jr volunteers to assist at the event. Mr.Weiner suggested a 'Bring Your Own Veggie' theme.
- Team Up to Tidy Up Day- April 27, 2024, 8am-9:30am, rain date, May 4, 2024. Volunteers needed to inventory current TUTU t-shirts and supplies. Flyer update required. Commissioners decided against holding a t-shirt art contest. Mrs. Ammerman will research a new design should new t-shirt need to be re-ordered. Commissioners like the neon color for safety purposes. Ms.Capparelli will look into purchasing some grabbers, especially for the elderly volunteers.
- Shred/Recycling Day- scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at DPW yard. At this time, EPS Styrofoam will only be collected at the shred day events. The Township is still investigating the purchase of a container for EPS at the Recycling Center.
- Junior Commissioner Projects- Jrs. will meet with Commissioners after meeting to discuss projects.

**Other Business**

- Wyckoff K-8 Schools/PTO – Mrs. Fischer reported that they will start sharing the Digital Library that was prepared by former Jr. Commissioner Eve. Washington Elementary School uses Google Library educational resources created by Mrs. Fischer.
- RIH Schools Report- Indian Hills HS Environmental Group will be meeting tomorrow, 2/25 and Ramapo HS no information at this time.
- SJ HUB- Commissioner Weiner attended the recent meeting and the main topic of discussion was the Sustainable Jersey Community Energy Planning Grant. Mr. Weiner and Commissioners felt that at this time it would not be enough time to develop a plan to apply for funding. He reported the Ridgefield Park county wide densifier is up and running. It is open to public drop off on Sundays from 10am-1pm. The Creative Bergen Subcommittee discussed a Busking Festival and if any towns would be interested in holding one.
- Recycle Coach – January 2024- 53 new subscribers. YTD since 2018 – 4153 subscribers.
- Bergen County Utilities Authority – HHW- March 9, 2024, in Moonachie. Shred/Tires/Electronics – April 21, 2024, in Paramus

**Next meeting** – March 18, 2024

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Competiello and seconded by Commissioner Ammerman was unanimously passed. The meeting concluded at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Capparelli  
Wyckoff Environmental Commission Secretary  
Wyckoff Township, Special Projects Coordinator