

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
MARCH 16, 2015 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2015

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Memorial Town Hall, Wyckoff, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: Harriet Shugarman (Chairwoman); Christine Key; Christopher DePhillips; Randy Hoogerheyde; Pete Wiederhold; Tom Madigan, Planning Board Liaison; Kara Giacose, Student Member; Mary Heck, Student Member; Haakon Jepsen, Committeeman; Susan Schilstra, Secretary. Also present were Junior Members: Tess Walpole, Indian Hills High School; Yoonsun Choi, Bergen County Academies; Kirsten Skead, Ramapo High School and Jeremy Swenson, Ramapo High School.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janice Reynen

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams; Julio Diaz; Jim Savage; JR Frank; Francine Block

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Harriet Shugarman.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Commissioner Tom Madigan:

“The March 16, 2015 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 February 4, 2015 meeting minutes.

Motion: Hoogerheyde Second: Wiederhold
Madigan Y Key Y Hoogerheyde Y DePhillips AB
Wiederhold Y Reynen AB Shugarman Y

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the February 23, 2015 meeting minutes.

Motion: DePhillips Second: Shugarman
Madigan AB Key Y Hoogerheyde AB DePhillips Y
Wiederhold AB Reynen AB Shugarman Y

- II** Public Comment Opportunity
No Comments

III Environmental Commission (Green Team) Activities & Program for 2015

IV NEW BUSINESS

JUNIOR MEMBER UPDATE

Chair Shugarman thanked outgoing Junior Members Mary Heck and Kara Giacose for their participation and service to the Wyckoff Environmental Commission during the last year. She then welcomed new Junior Members Tess Walpole from Indian Hills High School and Yoonsun Choi from Bergen County Academies. She added that Junior Members Kirsten Skead from Ramapo High School and Jeremy Swenson from Ramapo High School will be arriving later due to previous commitments. The Commissioners welcomed Ms. Walpole and Ms. Choi.

GREEN FAIR UPDATES

John Adams, Green Team Task Force Member, said the Green Fair, which was held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Ramapo High School, was a success. He thanked Carol Holden, Chairwoman of the Franklin Lakes Environmental Commission, Commissioner Key and Commissioner Reynen for their assistance. Junior Member Jeremy Swenson was present the entire time. Mr. Adams said Ramapo High School's Sustainable Jersey team had a booth and should receive points towards the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. Mr. Adams helped develop the WEC/Green Team plastic bag presentation. He said that Laura Kramer, Sustainability Coordinator for Becton Dickinson in Franklin Lakes is interested in sharing information on their corporate composting program. Ms. Kramer will also be addressing the Rotary Club. Commissioner Key said Fair attendees were interested in learning where they could purchase compost bins.

Junior Member Kirsten Skead arrived at this time and was warmly welcomed by the Environmental Commissioners.

WYCKOFF DAY

Chair Shugarman said she will take the leadership of Wyckoff Day. Volunteers will be needed to assist with this activity at the Wyckoff YMCA.

FISHING DERBY

Commissioner Wiederhold said he will take the leadership and volunteers will be needed for this WEC sponsored activity.

FILM FESTIVAL UPDATES

Commissioner Wiederhold said the Franklin Lakes, Oakland & Wyckoff (FLOW) Film Festival will begin the first Thursday in May and run for 4 weeks; the program will be held indoors at the Wyckoff Public Library. He said that the films are in the process of being chosen. He said there may be guest speakers. Commissioner DePhillips said this activity can be promoted by the Junior Members through their prospective high schools.

V OLD BUSINESS

PILGRIM PIPELINE UPDATE

Chair Shugarman said the Wyckoff Environmental Commission has moved forward to recommend to the Township Committee the drafting of a resolution to formally reject and oppose the Pilgrim Pipeline project as well as in support of and for our neighboring communities in Northwest Bergen and Passaic counties. The Wyckoff Environmental Commission unanimously agrees to send this recommendation dated March 16 2015 to the Township Committee to endorse its support opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline project.

TEAM UP TO TIDY UP (TUTU) & SHREDFEST

Chair Shugarman said that she is unable to attend the TUTU which is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2015 with a rain date of Saturday, April 25, 2015. Commissioner Hoogerheyde will chair the TUTU event and Commissioner DePhillips will assist with the registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Wiederhold will chair the Shredfest event which is also scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2015 which will be held rain or shine. The CERTS group will direct traffic at the Shredfest and flyers regarding environmental activities will be handed out to the community who attend this function.

Junior Member Jeremy Swenson arrived at this time and was warmly welcomed by the Environmental Commissioners.

GREEN TEAM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND APPLICATION

John Adams, Green Team Task Force Member, said a monarch butterfly station has been proposed by several Girl Scout troupes, including that of Green Team member Dina Deana from Coolidge School. With the backing and support of the WEC and Green Team, the girl scouts hope to get the Townships approval to create the Monarch Way station at the Russell Farms Community Park. Once the milk weed plants are planted there will be little to no maintenance once they take root.

GRANT UPDATE

Chair Shugarman said an ANJEC Open Space Grant is available for \$1,500.00. She said that she will write the grant which will need to be done by April 1, 2015. If approved, these monies can be used towards the Monarch Butterfly Station.

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jim Savage, Green Team Task Force Member, said he has revised the membership application.

VII PLANNING BOARD UPDATE

Commissioner Madigan said there were no items to discuss.

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The WEC thanked Julio Diaz, Green Team Task Force Member, for the construction and care of the WEC website.

John Adams, Green Team Task Force Member, discussed his concern of using turf field and the dangers of recycled tires and hazardous gases that can be released. After a lengthy discussion about how the product is manufactured they felt comfortable that the members of the Parks & Recreation Foundation were doing their due diligence to ensure that the company chosen to supply the artificial turf in Wyckoff used a product that has been carefully screened and is safe for our children.

VIII Next meeting

Chairwoman Shugarman said the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

IX Adjourn

There being no further business a motion was made at 8:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Schilstra McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee