**January 16, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**FLAG SALUTE**:

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT ANNOUNCEMENT**: Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 requires that adequate notice of this meeting be provided. Meeting notices have been transmitted to the Retrospect Newspaper and posted on the bulletin boards in the municipal building.

**ROLL CALL**:

Attendance: Magi Liebe, Marlene Finizio, Maggi Downham, Chris Martin, Erin MacMinn, and Chris Squazzo,. Excused/Absent: Nick Boonen, and Kevin Randall

Announcements: The telephone conference devise is located in the SWCA office for use during Environmental Center meetings.

Listed of 2020 Environmental Commission meeting schedule:

*1st quarter*: January 16, 2020; February 20, 2020; March 19, 2020

*2nd quarter*: April – exception – no public meeting **April – does have work session meeting for environmental commission sub-committee**; May 21, 2020; June 18, 2020

*3rd quarter*: July 16, 2020; August – exception – no public meeting; September 17, 2020

*4th quarter*: October 15, 2020; November – exception – no public meeting; December\* – exception – no public meeting **December\* ---- An event/function will be held in coordination with other organizations meeting at the Environmental & Historical Center**

Listed of current Commission Members with expiration of term year; terms expire as of December 31st of year listed.

Marjorie Liebe, chair 2022

Marlene Finizio, 2020

Marguerite Downham 2021

Nicholas Boonen 2020

Erin MacMinn 2019

Christopher Martin 2021

Christopher Squazzo 2022

Alt #1 Kevin Randall 2020

Alt #2 Renee Papaneri 2021 (as of 1/21/2020)

Announcement of conference devise, M. Liebe will check on the feasibility with ANJEC of using the conference devise for future meetings. If permissible, changes in by-laws will need to be done to reflex the updated of conference calling. M. Finizio offered to review the by-laws. She believes past chair P. Knoll updated by-laws before retiring several years ago.

M. Liebe requested each member keep track of expenses for programs, training and mileage for all qualified expenses incurred for Environmental Commission business for reimbursement vouchers. Current Federal mileage reimbursement rate is 57.5 cents per mile. Charitable mileage rates differ.

**Trex Bags:** E. MacMinn says that the Acme will take the bags if we weigh them and have them in clear bags. M. Downham will go to the Acme this week and ask the manager for their pick-up schedule. A method for tracking weights and number of bags dropped off (excel spreadsheet) will need to be development for reporting submission.

C. Martin wants us to attend the DVRPC meeting regarding the new trails plan for our area. He is happy that Fieldstone has an EV charging station. C Martin suggested we do something to commending them for this.

**Cleanup:** Next clean-up date will be March 21st at the Train Station in Extension. September 12 is McDonalds/Acme. We will contact Walt Eife.

Comcast: We need ideas for things to do. Remove the bamboo and use the area for a compost/mulch drop? Contact the tree companies now for mulch for Cares Day. Also, M. Downham requested a small backhoe for the mulch this year.

Fred Stine is doing the MLK clean up and is borrowing our tools.

Planning Board Update: The master plan is now final and as requested we have lowered the amount of impervious surface for lots. Discussion on putting parking meters on Haddon Avenue to reduce parking on the side streets. Also we should have PATCO build a parking garage to alleviate parking problems at the Westmont Station. They could put solar panels on the roof.

Discussion on the proposal to allow a major subdivision at Graisbury Avenue and Recchino Field. Township granted a subdivision plan in 2002. M. Downham will get a copy of the original resolution. C. Squazzo suggests we require a LOI, to determine if it is a Flood Hazard Area, verification of any freshwater streams adjacent to property, will CCMUA allow sewer hook ups? Who will own the road? Private? Water hookups?

Events for the Environmental Center:

* *Saturday, April 25, 2020 ……………… Go Green Event*
* *Saturday, May 16, 2020 ……………… Spring ECOpen House - 1PM- 4PM*
* *Saturday, September 19, 2020 …… 31st Annual Block Party*
* *Saturday, October 24, 2020 ………. Fall ECOpen House – 1PM to 4PM HTEC & Historical Society*
* *Saturday, November 14, 2020 ….. America Recycles Day Event\_ Shredding &*

*Pharmaceutical Collections Event Audubon Park*

* + *Thursday, December 3, 2020 …… Holiday Open House*

**ASSOCIATE ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

* Newton Creek Watershed Task Force - restoration *along Newton Lake*
* Saddler’s Woods Conservation Association (SWCA)
  + - * ***Saturday, April 4, 2020 – SWCA – Spring Clean-up***
      * ***Saturday, October 24, 2020 - Carved Pumpkin & SWCA Tours***

**ADJOURNMENT:** M. Liebe motioned to adjourn, seconded by C. Squazzo and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM.