

**WYCKOFF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (WEC)
ARRIL 20, 2015 PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, April 20, 2015

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janice Reynen; Christine Key; Pete Wiederhold; Tom Madigan, Planning Board Liaison; Yoonsun Choi, Student Member; Kirsten Skead, Student Member and Jeremy Swenson, Student Member; Haakon Jepsen, Committeeman; Susan McQuaid, Secretary.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Harriet Shugarman (Chairwoman); Christopher DePhillips; Randy Hoogerheyde; Tess Walpole, Student Member.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Tom Madigan.

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

“The April 20, 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

Commissioner Reynen said her son Matthew who is a member of Boy Scout Troop #89 was present this evening because he needed to attend an official town meeting for his citizenship in the community merit badge.

I Motion was made and seconded to adopt the March 16, 2015 meeting minutes.
Motion: Wiederhold Second: Key
Madigan Y Key Y Hoogerheyde AB DePhillips AB
Wiederhold Y Reynen AB Shugarman AB

II Public Comment Opportunity
No Comments

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

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Upcoming and Past Events

- **Team Up to Tidy Up (TUTU)**

Commissioner Reynen said that approximately 200 residents attended the TUTU event. Thirty one bags of trash were collected along with 22 bags of recyclables and one tire. She added that the winners of the poster contest were in attendance and their posters will be displayed at Coolidge School and in the public Library unit May 28, 2015. Green Team Member JR Frank printed copies of the 4 posters and they will also be displayed at Town Hall.

- **Shredfest**

Commissioner Wiederhold reported that over 280 residents participated in the Shredfest which took place at the Recycling Center between 9 and 12 noon. A total of 12,000 lbs. of recycling were shredded in three hours. He added that environmental flyers were distributed during the event.

Commissioner Key thanked the Junior Commissioners and Green Team Members for distributing flyers during this event and also out on schoology. The next scheduled events are as follows:

- ✓ Arbor Day Celebration, Saturday, April 25, 2015 – 9 a.m. at Russell Farms Community Park.
- ✓ Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2015.
- ✓ Fishing Derby, Saturday June 6, 2015 from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at Zabriskie Pond Park.
- ✓ Wyckoff Day, Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wyckoff YMCA.

Committeeman Jepsen suggested promoting the Zabriskie House during the Fishing Derby

Commissioner Key also said that Drug Drop Off opportunities are available at drug drop off boxes which are available year round at the Allendale, Oakland, Paramus and Waldwick Police Department.

Student Member Yoonsun Choi said she listened to the Sustainable Jersey Webinar and advised the Commissioners of the plastic bag bin ordinance and fee which would go to support municipality water quality improvement programs.

Commissioner Madigan asked the Junior Members to think of something exciting for the Wyckoff Day program. Commissioner Wiederhold said a representative from the Hackensack Water Keeper group will demonstrate how to build a water barrel.

IV New Business

- Commissioner Key said the Ramapo High School district has joined the Sustainable Jersey Program. She advised that Louis Moore, Ramapo High School Principal, would like a donation from the WEC so the students, teachers and faculty can purchase water bottles at the RHS Celebration Day and Earth & Arts Festival. The WEC unanimously agreed to donate \$225.00 towards this project and recommended that the Board of Education also ask Franklin Lakes and Oakland to match their donation.
- Green Team Task Force Member John Adams said that he has purchased 4 composters to have on hand as giveaways at events. He also advised that Wednesday, April 22, he will be

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representing the Wyckoff Green Team on Earth Day at Becton Dickinson in Franklin Lakes, to discuss the value of composting and plastic film recycle.

- Commissioner Reynen said a berm will be placed on the left side of Russell Farms Community Park for the planting of milkweed at the monarch way station for the monarch butterflies. A Girl Scout troop will maintain and water this berm as a scout project.
- Commissioner Key announced that the Green Video Awards (GVA) competition is over on May 4, 2015. She said the videos are being mailed to town hall. As of today no videos have been received. It was noted that the mailing address placed on the application is incorrect. Green Team Member JR Frank suggested the videos be sent electronically to the Environmental Commission through Utube.
- Commissioner Key proposed that the new “my Wyckoff 07481” canvas bags be sold through the Chamber of Commerce in certain stores. The Commissioners agreed that the price of the canvas bag will be \$20.00 and a \$5.00 profit will be realized. Ms. Key and the Environmental Commissioners will ensure all funds are accounted for.
- Green Team Task Force Member Jim Savage opined that the recent eblast had incorrect information on it which was corrected the day before on the Wyckoff eblast page.

V Old Business

Volunteers for Wyckoff Day and Fishing Derby

Commissioner Madigan said that volunteers are still needed for these 2 events on Saturday, June 6th.

Film Festival Update

Commissioner Wiederhold and Green Team Task Force Member JR Frank advised of the following Green Film Festival films which will be presented at the Wyckoff Public Library in partnership with the Franklin Lakes and Oakland Environmental Commissions on the following dates:

1. The Rise of Ecology. Thursday, May 7, 2015
2. Dirt! Thursday, May 14, 2015
3. How to Boil a Frog. Thursday, May 21, 2015
4. The Resilient Ones. Thursday, May 28, 2015

VI Green Team Task Force Updates

1. Green Team Task Force Reports
 - a. Community
 - b. Building and Energy
 - c. Land Use and Local Business
 - d. Waste Management, Operations and Facilities
 - e. Media and Press Relations
2. Grant Updates – ANJEC Grant

VII Planning Board Update

Commissioner Madigan said there was no information to report.

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VIII Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

IX Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made at 9:12 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Schilstra McQuaid, Secretary
Wyckoff Environmental Committee