

WWT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 11, 2024

The April 2024 meeting of the WWT Environmental Commission was held on Thursday, April 11, 2024 via Zoom with Ephraim Buhks calling the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, a notice of this meeting's date, time, place and agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Members: E. Buhks; E. Gordon; S. Parratt; I. Singh; A. Baig; L. Katz
Liaison: D. Dobromilsky Advisor: D. Parris Council Liaison: Andrea Mandel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September, 2023 S. Parratt motioned; E. Gordon seconded;
Minutes were approved as presented.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: Project Review/Update

Community Park Gardens and Meadow – S. Parratt provided an update on the status of the Community Park Rain Garden and proposed meadow project. There was discussion on maintaining the gardens at the Community Park.

Community Solar Update – L. Katz shared information he had gathered on the NJ Community Solar Project. As the project progresses and more information becomes available, he will continue to keep the commission updated.

Student/Scout Projects – H. Shankar presented information on student and scout projects within the township. She will continue to refer these individuals to share their ideas with EC to gain advice and approval or assistance as applicable.

Street Lighting Conditions and Standards Review – E. Buhks and E. Gordon have been reviewing regulations, gathering information and collaborating with the Township Engineer regarding street lighting in regards to light pollution concerns. They provided the information to EC members.

Planning Board – A. Baig had nothing new to report at this time

Arbor Day 2024 - D. Dobromilsky reminded EC members that the Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 9:30am at the Ronald R. Rogers Arboretum. The Shade Tree Commission will host its annual Art Contest; submissions will be on display and prizes will be awarded at the event. EC members, as well as other organizations, are invited to attend and participate. There was discussion on the demonstrations, projects and information to be included.

Township Council Update – A. Mandel reported that the township budget was introduced at the April 8th meeting and the public hearing and adoption are scheduled for May 13th. She stated that D. Dobromilsky was acknowledged by Shade Tree Commission members at the March 26th meeting for all his work through the years in recognition of his upcoming retirement. Several additional council members also expressed their appreciation of D. Dobromilsky's work with the Shade Tree and Environmental Commissions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Science News Discussion – E. Buhks shared information he had gathered recently on science and environmental topics within the news and how they pertain to the local community. He will continue to share these articles and topics with EC members as applicable.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Tomaro, Administrative Secretary
WWT Environmental Commission