﻿

Willingboro Environmental Commission Minutes-Jan. 24, 2017

The January 24th meeting w.as called to order at 7:32 by Steve Silberstein.  Present were:  Bill Carter Jr., Martha Woods, Steve, Gary Johnson, Paul Yerger, Connie House, and Arnold Dumont.

I.  Minutes of the Nov. 22, 2016 meeting were read, corrected, and approved.  The corrections were to the Drop Box.    Arnold suggested this item was to be dropped from the minutes.  Also, the line concerning the   Historical Site Section was corrected to read: The Historical Sites Section of the Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) was moved to a site after the History of Willingboro Township.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

     A. Environmental Resource Inventory:  Arnold suggested that new binders would be necessary for the ERI documents recently printed

    Bill Carter brought up the idea that it would be better if our commission had a budget. This would alleviate us from coming out of our pockets to pay for certain things i.e. binders & copying charges.

       He also inquired about the number of ERI copies required for the various township departments.

      B. March exhibit at the library:  Brian McDonald from the Master Gardener Program will set-up a display by the first week in March.

           Also, Arnold will have a display of native birds photographed in the community.

      C. Trees for schools:  Martha Woods stated that she needs to call the schools again and talk to Mr. Chandler to get final answers as to where the trees are to be  placed and any help they will need for planting them.

III.  Planning Board Report:  A meeting was called to elect new officers and dates for future meetings

 IV. Council Report: None, Bill Carter stated that he was appointed chairman of the Environmental Commission.  Welcome aboard Bill and the members wish you success.

   V.  NEW BUSINESS:

        A. Tree giveaway in April:  Steve explained that the tree giveaway will be done again, using the saplings left over from last year which he maintained.  Rich Brevogel will be asked if smaller trees can be obtained to better serve community needs.

        B. 2017 ANJEC Membership renewal:  This has been done by the township clerk's office.

        C. Conversation with Rich Brevogel on Emerald Ash Borer:  Rich has learned about ways to save the Ash trees in our community, but

             Suggested that instead, he would consider replacing them with other species of tree.

         D.  The pamphlet concerning a one-day educational conference on Open Space and Farmland on Friday, March 17, 2017 was made available to consider.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Paul Yerger