WILLINGBORO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES –

MARCH 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 P.M. by Bill Carter. Present were: Bill Carter, Steve Silberstein, Arnold Dumont, Martha Woods, Gary Johnson, Paul Yeager and guests Clayton Sills (Commissioner/WMUA) and Pat Lindsey Harvey (President, Green Team).

1. Minutes of the February 28, 2017 meeting were read, corrected and approved. Corrections noted were:

* Garfield School site being too close to a play area
* Memorial needs to have another site selected
* Specific species of tree saplings could not be obtained for the tree giveaway on April 8, 2017.

1. Old Business
2. Environmental Resource Inventory: Corrections are finished and he ERI is ready to be printed and bound. Rich Brevogel will be contacted concerning having the binder bound.
3. March Exhibit of Willingboro Birds at Library. A thank you was expressed to all who contributed to the success of the Exhibit.
4. Tree Give-Away April 8, 2017. Time will be from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the entrance of the library. Tables to be obtained by Steve. Trees will have directions for planting.
5. Status of Information being placed on Willingboro Website/Willingboro Board. Copy of how the information is noted on website was passed out. Section will be available. Bill passed around a printed sample of what is available at the site. We will be contacting BCT Hometown Section on who to contact and how to get listed.
6. Budget: Bill suggested that the commission should work with the calendar year in mind. Arnold said we don’t always know how much we will need a year ahead of time, but as a commission could propose a modest amount of $500 as an example.

III. New Business

1. Community trip to observe how the WMUA processes our drinking water and sewage treatment. This could possibly be done in conjunction with a celebration of Earth Day, 2017.
2. Willingboro water systems – is our water safe? Our two guests Clayton Sills and Pat Lindsey Harvey were the chief speakers on this subject. A general discussion followed on the subject of the Willingboro Water System and the Sewage Treatment System. Topics included the safety and taste of our community water supply. Good News! Our water is good (from a chemical analysis) and the cheapest to produce in the county. The infrastructure of the sewage system shows a breakdown at the individual house level for some homeowners. It was suggested by our guest speakers that future community input will be held to explore these problems.
3. Planning Board Report – the meeting was cancelled for March 2017.
4. Council Report – no one present. Bill will ask Mayor Walker for a possible liaison.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul Yeager