

## **Borough of Fair Lawn Environmental Commission Meeting MINUTES: July 11, 2018**

**Call to Order** at: 7:35 PM

**Attendance** : Environmental Commission Members P= Present A= Absent

Wendy Dabney, Chair (P)	John Tregidgo (P)	
Nancy Sperling (P)	John Fatuzzo (A)	Joseph Mele, Class IV Member (A)
Caroline Newman (P)	Afnan Khairullah, Alternate 1 (P)	Josh Reinitz, Council Liaison (P)
Leslie Frucht (P)	David Mangual, Alternate 2 (P)	Carol Wagner, Health Dept rep (P)

Guest Speaker: Ken Garrison, Municipal Engineer: Presentation

Public: Alan Renfry Claude Bienstock

**Approval of Minutes**: June 6, 2018

Motion for approval: N/A Second : N/A All in Favor : Y N

### **Presentation from Municipal Engineer Ken Garrison on Fair Lawn's Water System**

- Mr. Garrison provided a detailed review of the history of Fair Lawn's water system, the Westmoreland Well Field Superfund designation, and current water use and sources of supply. He gave extensive explanations of the current challenges for Fair Lawn, and the national context. He enumerated the future challenges we face as a Municipality, a State and a Nation. He answered all of the questions posed by Commissioners and the Public. We were impressed with his knowledge, and ability to present the topic in both an understandable and comprehensive way.  
Thank you, Mr. Garrison!

The consensus was that maintaining Water Quality within Fair Lawn an imperative. FLEC resolved that our efforts should center on promotion of Water Quality Initiatives, including, but not limited to, Storm Water Management, Tree Programs and Water Conservation.

### **Correspondence & Notifications:**

Paper Shredding Day- July 14, 2018 9am to 1 pm at Recycling Center  
ANJEC article- Open Public Meetings Act: What ECs need to know

- Discussion ensued on the need to maintain minutes. Per the suggestion of Josh Reinitz, Council Liaison, we agreed to take turns, beginning with Chair W. Dabney. Minutes will be assigned in alphabetical order, based on attendees.

### **Environmental Commission Meeting Discussion:**

#### **FLEC Activity Reports:**

- Review of Received Remediation Site Reports: See attached Report by Carol Wagner  
Letter to be sent by W. Dabney to BOE requesting a presentation on Warren Point School VI Investigation.

### **Green Team Report**

N.Sperling/C.Wagner

Sustainable Jersey Certification - Plan due in November  
Possible activities: rain gardens, creating equitable diversity,  
Going Green Awards, Sustainable Business registration,

Mapping underground aquifers (available on line)  
Town wide food waste composting  
More Recycling education b/c of new guidelines and challenges

- Nancy provided a list of possible projects that the Green Team is considering. In view of Mr. Garrison's presentation, we requested that Nancy share this viewpoint with the Green Team.

Previously floated ideas were discussed:

- Retrofitting Storm Drains in compliance of NJ DEP Stormwater Management laws; Municipal and BOE Vehicle Washing Pad at the Recycling Center; Test wells request for Clariant on Fair Lawn Ave between the site and residential properties, presently none exist on FL Ave off the property itself; Hosting the Annual ANJEC Environmental Commissioners training in Fair Lawn

**Planning Board: Overview of Environmental Matters:**

Joseph Mele

No report was available, as Mr. Mele was not in attendance.

**Zoning Board:**

Paramus Auto Mall 8-00 & 8-10 22<sup>nd</sup> Street- July 23 hearing  
Fair Lawn Enterprises, 18-03 Maple Ave (Gas Station)

**Council Liaison Report:**

Josh Reinitz

- Mr. Reinitz provided an overview of pending applications before the Boards. A discussion ensued about what might replace the River Road TD Bank that would bring added value to the neighborhood and town not related to tax revenue. Calls for a restaurant seemed to dominate the suggestions: including Cracker Barrel, Chick Fila, and Blue Moon Café! Mr. Reinitz will support hosting ANJEC training in Fair Lawn and will discuss at the Council level.

**Old Business:**

Wendy Dabney

- Discussion with Bergen County Soil Conservation re: Daly Field, Barrister Houses, and all construction site run off  
This issue requires more investigation. Info to Follow.

**New Business:**

- Letter of Support to be forwarded to Gov. Murphy in support of a graduated fee and two year phasing out of retail single use plastic bags. Wendy will do.

**Public Comment:**

- Mr Alan Renfry provide an article on Glen Rock's Charging Station initiative, which is being supported by a Grant. Caroline Newman is very enthusiastic about this, and will look into grant opportunities.

Next FLEC Meeting: August 1, 2018 at 7:30 PM in Room 201

Motion to Adjourn: John Tregidgo Seconded: John Fatuzzo All were in favor. Adjourned at 10 PM