

**WARREN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
46 MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD**

**WARREN, N J 07059**

**Approved**

Minutes of **April 3, 2013** meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 PM

**Present Commissioners:** J. Henschel (Presiding Officer), P. Lobo, A. Winter, H. Black, L. Mandell

**Absent Commissioners:** K. Task, S. Graham, P. Villani, Liaison M. Marion, D. Gabel

**Flag salute**

*STATEMENT* by Presiding Officer: Adequate notice of this meeting was given by posting a copy on the Township Bulletin Board and sending a copy to the Township Clerk, Echoes Sentinel and Courier News as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. All Commissioners are duly appointed volunteers working for the Township of Warren. We plan to adjourn by 10 PM.

**Next meeting will be May 8, 2013 at the  
Municipal building meeting room at 8:00 PM**

If you are not able to attend the meeting, please call the Secretary at 908-369-0682 as soon as possible.

### *Correspondence:*

**I. None at this meeting.**

**II. Minutes from other boards or commissions:**

None at this meeting.

**III. Other Correspondence:**

ANJEC sent a copy of its billing for ANJEC membership for 2013 including information on road shows. The NJDEP sent a note regarding approved status for the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act.

### **Discussion:**

Laura Mandell discussed Warren Green Fair to be held April 27 from 10 am – 1 pm. She also discussed an intern for the ERI, a possible college Environmental student. Phil Lobo will discuss with Mark Krane.

The Commissioners discussed the current membership and plans for the future. They stated that they will meet at the beginning of the month. If there is no quorum, they will plan to meet at the end of the month. They also discussed the WEC budget.

Phil Lobo has no updates on the ERI.

Laura Mandell presented the Low Impact Checklist: Construction and the Low Impact Checklist: Planning. **A Motion was made and seconded to approve the checklists. The Motion was approved.**

The Commissioners discussed a native plant list and thought that this would be useful information for the homeowners to refer to. **A Motion was made and seconded to provide a list of native plants for Somerset County and distribute to anyone interested in developing or using plantings as part of plant submissions to the Planning Board. The Motion was approved.**

### *Old Business:*

Phil Lobo has no updates on the ERI.

The Commissioners discussed previous cases including the Hill Hollow development.

### *New Business:*

Phil Lobo has no updates on the ERI.

Jack Henschel will discuss with Mark Krane his concern about the water quality in town/water company. There seem to be elevated levels of certain chemicals in water. People had concerns over taste and this was not just for private wells.

### *Maps:*

Case #PB-13-01

**Township of Warren/Watchung Hills Wrestling  
Warren Township Board of Education  
Block 201, Lot 2  
Site Plan/Minor S/D  
Public  
Meeting date: TBA  
Due date: April 2, 2013**

The Warren Environmental Commission discussed this at their April 3, 2013 meeting. The Commissioners stated that impervious surfaces should be limited. They should lease purchase for solar roof (instead of taxes). They are concerned with the runoff. Raingardens should be used instead of running off into street. The building should be as energy efficient as possible. Lighting should be motion sensors. The roofing should be light colored. There should be natural ventilation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina De la Cruz, Secretary

**“Conservation is Harmony between man & land”**