

WARREN TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2022  
ZOOM Meeting

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The Environmental Commission (EC) of Warren Township, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey convened in a Regular Meeting at the Warren Township Municipal Building, 46 Mountain Blvd., Warren, New Jersey on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Wayne DeFeo called the meeting to start at 7:12pm via a Zoom meeting Conference.

Pursuant to the requirement of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, 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.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Wayne DeFeo, Laura Mandell, Susan Zeitels, Karen Task, Valerie Meyers, Henry Cohen  
Absent: Karen Kaiser, Jerry Toth

**III. Discussion**

**Minutes**

The December minutes were approved with edits. Karen Task made a motion to approve and Laura Mandell seconded it.

Wayne DeFeo discussed with the group legislature that was waiting to be approved by Governor Murphy. The first is the Paint Care bill which if approved has taken eight (8) years. The Paint Care bill will allow for consumers in New Jersey to return paint and stain cans to retailers to recycle. The program is designed to relieve a considerable financial burden on local governments, which currently funds Hazardous Waste days to dispose of these materials.

Also waiting to be signed is the Recycled Content bill which will establish postconsumer recycled content requirements for rigid plastic containers, glass containers, paper and plastic carryout bags and plastic trash bags. The law also prohibits the sale of polystyrene loose fill packaging.

Wayne DeFeo discussed the Somerset County's Energy Council and future funding for schools in the county to upgrade ventilation and lighting. Wayne DeFeo will update the group as more information and which towns are involved are known. Somerset County is the only NJ county with an Energy Council.

Laura Mandell updated WEC on Clean Energy programs going on to assist small businesses with funds for solar panels. Laura also mentioned the in NJ that 21 million dollars will be used in EV (Electric Vehicle) funding by September of 2022.

Princeton has an ordinance that prohibits gasoline leaf blowers seasonally. Wayne will get more information to the group on that to see if it is something that Warren Township can review.

Henry Cohen joined WEC this meeting and will be an official EC member. Each member introduced themselves to Henry and there was a discussion that WEC is an advisory committee that makes recommendations to the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. It was discussed that in 2022 and going forward WEC would like to see the Planning Board liaison attend the meetings and for the boards to incorporate our recommendations in their plans.

## NEW BUSINESS

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| 1. CASE:   | PB21-08                                |
| BLOCK/LOT  | Block 109 Lot 6 41 Gates Avenue        |
| DATE:      | December 20, 2021                      |
| APPLICANT: | <b>Michael &amp; Donna Gallo</b>       |
| Proposal:  | Minor Subdivision (one lot into two)   |
| Engineer:  | Parker Engineering and Surveying, P.C. |

1. WEC recommends native trees and plants be utilized (See Attached List)
2. WEC recommends impervious coverage be minimal.
3. WEC recommends when the dwelling is constructed the builder should minimize light pollution by using fully shielded lighting, using warm white or filtered LEDs instead of the bright white. WEC also recommends using Energy Efficient appliances.

IV Adjournment – 8:24PM Laura Mandell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Valerie Meyers seconded it.

The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2022 at 7pm via ZOOM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krisann Bintley, Secretary  
Environmental Commission