

**WARREN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
46 MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD**

**WARREN, N J 07059**

**Approved**

Minutes of **March 5, 2014** meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:18 PM

**Present Commissioners:** J. Henschel, (Presiding Officer), P. Lobo, S. Ponzio, H. Black, D. Gabel

**Absent Commissioners:** L. Mandell, P. Villani, K. Task, A. Winter, Liaison M. Marion

The minutes of February 18, 2014 were approved.

**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 April 2, 2014 at the  
Municipal building 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:**

The WEC received correspondence from ANJEC and they submitted information for 2014 membership dues payment. They also received correspondence for the Green Team, which they will pass on.

**Discussion:**

The WEC discussed the ERI. Phil Lobo said he met about it today. He received Laura Mandell's submission and will review the wetlands information with Allison Winter.

They also discussed Green Day, which will take place April 26, 2014 with a raindate of May 3 at the municipal building. There will be recycling for electronics, Styrofoam and medicine as well as shredding. There will be booths by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Laura Mandell can send the information by e-mail.

*Old Business:*

The WEC has still not received plans for Urban Renewal, LLC and will request them to review at the next meeting.

*New Business:*

None at this meeting .

## *Maps:*

This map was reviewed again at this meeting. See additional comments at end.

**Case #PB-14-02**

**Wolf Owens/Stirling Pond LLC  
Block 85, Lot 15.03  
123 Old Stirling Road  
Minor Subdivision/Public  
Meeting date: TBD  
Due date: February 28, 2014**

The Warren Environmental Commission discussed this at their February 18, 2014 meeting. They stated that there are wetlands and steep elevation. The steep slope is of concern due to erosion and the impact of the flow of underground and surface water. They asked if the houses were of historical significance, and if so, were they preserved. The proposed storm easement is huge; they propose a natural vegetative rain garden as opposed to a concrete structure. There should be an area for emergency spillway. The runoff should be minimized so the water does not go on property and contaminate natural wildlife.

The Commissioners appreciate the list and planting schedule. The builders should use the native planting list. There should be as little disturbance of land and vegetation as possible on top of soil and around pond. They would like to confirm that the trees are native trees. They also asked if the engineer is the builder's engineer or the township engineer.

They would like information on where water drains (fish sticker or part of metal should be included); do not dump. The impervious surface should be reduced, should be porous pavement as opposed to asphalt, avoid products with chemicals such as cyanide and formaldehyde. The Commissioners also wanted to be sure that they were following rules for flag lots, was there a private or shared driveway?

The Warren Environmental Commission also discussed this at their March 5, 2014 meeting and asked to add the following information: They thought this would disturb the animal habitat. Also the amount of houses in the lot puts them into steep slope area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53PM

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina De la Cruz, Secretary  
**"Conservation is Harmony between man & land"**