

**WARREN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
46 MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD**

WARREN, N J 07059

Approved

Minutes of **April 2, 2014** meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM

Present Commissioners: L. Mandell, (Presiding Officer), P. Lobo, A. Winter, K. Task, S. Ponzio, Liaison M. Marion

Absent Commissioners: J. Henschel, P. Villani, H. Black, D. Gabel

The minutes of March 5, 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 May 7, 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. From:** Shiang-Ping Hao
To: WEC
- The applicant is applying for a LOI with no regulated activities.
 - **Applicant:** Shiang-Ping Hao
 - **Loc:** 177 Mount Horeb Road, Block 78, Lot 36

I. Minutes from other boards or commissions:

None at this meeting.

II. 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 Green Day, which will take place April 26, 2014 with a raindate of April 30 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 will send the information by e-mail.

Laura Mandell sent Climate and Air sections to be put into the ERI. She spoke to a climatologist at Rutgers to find out where Warren Township is on the climate map. She added live links to the document and people can see weather and air. Allison Winter will format and fill in the blanks for the report, Phil Lobo will complete sections. They spoke about reaching out to Somerset County Parks to find someone who can write on local wildlife, or they can use information from other ERIs for this section. Phil Lobo is finishing soils, Chris Kastrud is writing about critical environmental areas and Harold Black is working on native vegetation.

ANJEC has a stormwater management workshop at Duke Farms.

Old Business:

There are no plans yet on the new municipal building.
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New Business:

They also spoke about the plans for East County Park, with the open space. The next phases are connecting the Pop Warner park and link to connect the whole facility. The ponds will be reinstated, a gazebo will be built and picnic tables will be added. There will be trail systems, hiking, cross country skiing. The township does not have to pay for maintenance. There will be a May 1st opening, with ribbon cutting on April 29, 2014.

Maps:

This map was reviewed again at this meeting since attachments were received. See additional comments at end.

Case #PB-14-01

**Urban Renewal, LLC
Block 76, Lot 1.06
29 Dubois Rd
Site Plan/Preliminary/Final
TCC
Meeting date: January 29, 2014
Due date: January 27, 2014**

The Warren Environmental Commission discussed this at their February 18, 2014 meeting. The Commissioners requested the maps as there were no attachments. They had not received it previously.

The Commissioners reviewed this at their April 2, 2014 meeting. They were concerned about the amount of land coverage. They also stated that the development needs to abide by the native planning list (attached). Other comments included that if Unit 13, Building 3 is filled, need other areas in Buildings 7 and 8 filled (certificate of cleanfill). The WEC also requests an environmental site assessment/study and updated/revised landscaping plan. Will the water retention grate require maintenance or is there a more natural solution? They suggest LED lighting and solar panels for street lamps.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53PM

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina De la Cruz, Secretary

“Conservation is Harmony between man & land”