

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

**REGULAR IN-PERSON MEETING:**

The Open Public Meeting Notice: In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to our official newspapers and other publications circulated in the Borough of Old Tappan, and notice was posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

**ATTENDANCE:**

David Keil	Chairperson
Barbara DiTrolio	
Wendy King	
Ryan Weaver	

Absent:	Bill Boyce	Council Liaison
	Nora Mann	

**PRIOR MINUTES:**

Minutes from the June 2024 meeting were approved as written.  
Motion to approve by Wendy; seconded by Barbara. Motion passed.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

No one from the public present.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: (Bill Boyce)**

Council Liaison was not present--however Bill Boyce reported via text message that the Mayor & Council voted 4-2 to settle with the developer of 244 Old Tappan Road. The settlement relieves the Borough of any potential liabilities to lawsuit or legal fees. The Borough will take possession of 1.75 acres which includes the vernal pond and fringing wetlands.

The newly adopted tree ordinance is being reviewed as residents have voiced concerns that some of its provisions could be burdensome.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There were no correspondences to discuss

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Budget:** In a review of the OTEC budget with CFO Jesse Coward, Bill Boyce mentioned (over the summer recess) that funds from previous years remained unspent. Dave will request a

summary from Councilman Boyce.

**Community Gardens:** 2024 seems to be another successful year for the community gardens. DPW indicates that a dumpster will be made available at both garden sites so that members can clean out their plots without having to lug garden debris home for disposal.

**Tree Sapling Give-Away:** Scheduled for April 2025

**2024 Photo Contest:** tentatively being considered for another year in 2025.

**Northern Valley Earth Fair:** No report.

**Walk/Bike to School Day/Week:** No report.

**Pollinator Garden:** Pollinator plants were purchased and planted at the community gardens at Old Tappan Road and at Central Avenue. Many thanks to Stokes Farm for their support.

**Hooked on Fishing:** tentatively scheduled for June 2025

**Open Forum Discussion:** in open forum,

-Lengthy discussion about the settlement agreement for 244 Old Tappan Road and it's impacts on the Borough

-OTEC still needs a used lawn mower: Ryan will check at Westwood DPW.

## **UPCOMING MEETING DATES 2024**

November 19

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion by Dave and seconded by Barbara and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**