

**BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

August 25, 2020

MEMBER	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Roger A. Plew	<i>Chair</i>	X	
Raquel Parker	<i>Vice-Chair</i>		X
Carole Cann	<i>Secretary</i>	X	
Bill Grayson		X	
Edwige Thokas		X	
Calvin Leung	<i>Student Representative</i>		X
Jessica Wilson	<i>Student Representative</i>		X
Eugene Fuzy	<i>Township Committee Liaison</i>	X	

1. **SALUTE TO FLAG:** Chairman Plew called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led those present in a salute to the flag.
2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN:** In compliance with the open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: On February 12, 2020 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board opposite the main entrance of the meeting room in the Municipal Building; was emailed Burlington County Times and the Times of Trenton; was filed with the Clerk of Bordentown Township, and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice..
3. **MINUTES:** Minutes from the June 23, 2020 meeting were adopted.
4. **LIAISON REPORT:** Committeeman Fuzy reported that Bordentown is doing well with Census participation. The township has signs to remind residents. He discussed the invasive lantern fly problem.
5. **NEW BUSINESS: Planning Board:** A medical marijuana distribution facility will be taking over the existing Sew & Vac building.
6. **FOR DISCUSSION:** Shredder Day will be held at the Public Works facility on September 26 during regular hours. Members discussed the overgrowth at Bossert Park. Several trees that are covered with vines have died and residents are dumping branches and grass clippings that are damaging others. The EC will draft a letter to distribute to residents near the park informing them that this practice is harmful to the trees. Chairman Plew discussed closing the garden and will till and plant rye grass. He talked about the need for chicken wire to keep out animals out. There are dedicated collection boxes at Public Works to collect oral care products. Members discussed disposal of batteries. They are safe to put in regular trash. Mr. Grayson is working on the new Green Challenge and it should be ready by Shredder Day. Starting in September the EC will contribute to the township newsletter, The Banner. Topics will include “cut it and leave it” grass clippings, composting, and zero-waste batteries.
7. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20