

**BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**April 19, 2016**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Roger A. Plew	<i>Chair</i>	X	
Eugene Fuzy	<i>Vice-Chair</i>	X	
Carole Cann	<i>Secretary</i>		X
Will Bancroft	<i>Treasurer</i>	X	
John Sargent		X	
Jill Popko	<i>Committeeman Liaison</i>	X	
Dean Buhner	<i>Director of Public Works</i>		X

**1. SALUTE TO FLAG**

Chairman Plew called the meeting to order at 7:40 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, 2016 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 mailed to the Register-News and the Burlington County Times; was filed with the Clerk of Bordentown Township, and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice

**3. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt the minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting was made by Mr. Sargent and seconded by Vice-Chair Fuzy. Motion carried unanimously. The Vice Chair recorded the minutes of the current meeting.

**4. LIASON'S REPORT:** Mayor Popko presented an update on the ELCON hazardous waste facility proposed for Falls Twp., PA. and the pipeline compressor station. She has been meeting with many elected officials to get them onboard for opposing these projects. The Township is still proceeding with legal action against the pipeline and compressor station. The Mayor is also going to set up an ELCON information session similar to the pipeline event at the Senior Center. The Waste Management Landfill project has passed phase 2. Mayor Popko also informed us the Township will be mailing cards to all residents to inform them of important dates for town events and informational events on the environmental issues we are facing. April 26th at the Chesterfield Elementary School at 5PM is a dewatering hearing that is open to public comment by the NJDEP. The Mayor also informed us of the county issue with single stream recycling. We must now leave plastic lids on bottles to ensure the machine reads the bottles as bottles and to keep paper goods dry. We are no longer allowed to place shredded paper in the recycling bins. The Township is looking into ways to collect it and have it recycled. Mayor Popko also told us that DRVPC (Delaware River Valley Planning Commission) approached the township about joining them. If the township joins then the township will need volunteers to attend meetings. They work on open space transportation and economic development and grant acquisitions. Other local towns have been asked as well.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Green Team update.** (discussion of Green Fair) Vice Chair Fuzy and Patricia Concannon discussed the Green Fair set up in detail. We have had no responses to an alternate fuel car. Vice Chair Fuzy was to look into alpacas for the fair. The township has approximately 25 tables for the event. John Sargent is going to aid with distribution of trees at the Green Fair from the state. We will follow up on plans with conference calling on Fridays at 3PM. Chairman Plew has done a lot of prep work with the garden including tilling of rye. We will be looking for volunteers for Saturday to help put out weed block. We already have enough weed block.
- **Brown Fields.** (update) Chairman Plew continues to look into this.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS: (N/A)

## 7. FOR DISCUSSION:

- **Paper Shredder Day schedule.** Shredder day is May 7th, 9AM - 12PM . All commission members plan on attending to help.

**Garden Prep work session.** April 23rd 10-till done and involves weed block and tilling. Vice Chair Fuzy will post for volunteers to help. The state of decomposition of the rye will determine if this is feasible. Mayor Popko discussed getting 9 bags of mushroom compost and 9 bags of other compost to till into the soil.

- **Resident Garden Plot Agreement.** Garden registration fee is 25 dollars now. The garden opening is the 21st of May at 10AM.
- **Commission member's forum.** (Ideas, issues, concerns and/or suggestions). William Bancroft informed us that Grapevine Lounge needs help with their Environmental Commission sticker. Possibly they need a new one. He also mentioned sustainable eyeglasses from crushed sand are currently available locally.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT: (N/A)

## 9. FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/> (Sustainable Jersey link)

## MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn was made by John Sargent and seconded by Mr. Bancroft. Meeting adjourned at 9:17.