

**BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**April 18, 2017**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Roger A. Plew	<i>Chair</i>	X	
Martha Vesselka	<i>Vice-Chair</i>	X	
Carole Cann	<i>Secretary</i>	X	
Kelly Lozito		X	
Glenn Ashton			X
Eugene Fuzy	<i>Committeeman Liaison</i>	X	
Dean Buhner	<i>Director of Public Works</i>		X
Tom Hendrickson	<i>Student Representative</i>	X	

1. **SALUTE TO FLAG:** Chairman Plew called the meeting to order at 7:38 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 table the minutes of the March 2017 meeting was made by Vice-Chair Veselka and seconded by Mrs. Lozito. Motion carried unanimously.
- **LIAISON REPORT:** Vice-Chair Veselka provided information about the benefits of not mowing grass around the pond at Northern Community Park to discourage the geese population from residing there. Eugene will present this information to the Township Committee. The BT Easter Egg hunt had a very large turnout this year (double the attendance of last year). It was advertised on both Facebook and in the *Current*.  
As the Green Fair approaches Committeeman Fuzy will bump up the notifications on Facebook to encourage attendance.
4. **OLD BUSINESS: SRL Pipeline and Compressor Station Update:** Vice-Chair Veselka gave an update on People Over Pipelines activity. The organization is raising money to support legal actions and aim to raise \$15k this month and \$5k per each month through the remainder of the year. They are encouraging people near the build site to test their water and have retained a lawyer. Several residents have filed administrative appeals to the DEP. She requested that everyone help to raise money to support this effort.
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6. **NEW BUSINESS: Warehouse:** The Township has received and application for a new warehouse on Georgetown Rd. New details are not yet available for review.

Mrs. Cann arrived at 8:10

**Curbside Compost Pick-up:** Chairman Plew shared a letter from a resident requesting that Township implement such a program, and he requested that Secretary Cann respond to the letter informing the

resident that we agree with the concept and will investigate to find if there is support from the Township and the residents. Chairman Plew shared information about a voluntary program being piloted in Lambertville.

7. **FOR DISCUSSION: Green Team:** A meeting will be held on June 14 at 7:00 PM in the Warming Room at Northern Community Park. Community Garden. A discussion was held concerning contacting members and prospective members and promoting ways to get them involved.  
**Community Garden:** The first work session will be held on May 13 at 10:00 AM. The garden opening is scheduled for May 20 at 10:00 AM. Mrs. Cann made a motion to spend up to \$150 on plants. Mrs. Veselka seconded. Motion carried unanimously.  
**Sustainable Jersey:** Actions must be submitted by June 4.
  - – **POST MEETING UPDATE, the Sustainable NJ website lists the submission date as June 4<sup>th</sup>.**
  - The submissions get a response they are approved or not approved. If they are not approved we will be given the chance to resubmit with any missing information.
8. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Cann and seconded by Mrs. Lozito. Meeting adjourned at 9:50