

BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, February 19, 2013

MEMBER	TITLE	Present	Absent
Roger A. Plew	Chair	x	
Sidney Morginstin	Vice Chair		x
Marilee Ryan	Secretary	x	
Livia Popko	Member	x (8:20)	
Jill Popko	Committee Liaison	x	
Dean Buhrer	Public Works		x

1. SALUTE TO FLAG

Chairman Plew called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM and led those present in a salute to the flag. (note: an 'unofficial' discussion was held from 7:30 - 8:20pm. At 8:20 a quorum was attained and the 'official' meeting commenced)

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 March 12, 2012, 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, People Papers 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: Livia Popko made a motion and Roger Plew seconded to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2013 minutes. Motion passed.

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS: Planning Board. There were no issues to discuss. Zoning Board. There were no issues to discuss.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - Township residents Saurin Patel and Mel Silvestra were in attendance and were informed by Chairman Plew about the role of the EC and Green Team members.

7. E.C. DISCUSSION

2013 Paper Shredder Day - Will be held Saturday, May 4th from 9am to noon.

City Green Fair - Will be held on June 8th. The EC will once again man a table and Lauren Frazee, AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador will set up a display.

Deputy Mayor Popko (1) reported that Burlington County needs Committee approval to drop pellets of 'Temephos' (an organophosphate larvicide used to treat water infested with disease-carrying insects). After researching, she voted 'no'. After an informative discussion, the EC unanimously voted to "support the Township Committee's decision to say no to the spreading of Temephos in the Township" A letter of support will be written to the Clerk by Friday. **(2)** The EC now has a budget of \$2650 for the calendar year. **(3)** The EC Commission members would like clarification on the status of the Deputy Mayor's role of being a (voting) member while serving as our liaison.

ANJEC is conducting an Environmental Commission Training (Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions). Members are encouraged to attend.

Public Works Meeting Attendance: We will request that Dean Buhrer (Director of Public Works) attend one meeting per quarter.

8. FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Useful Websites: www.sustainablejersey.com, www.nj.gov/dep/wms/subscribe.htm

www.peoplepapers.com (current and past editions with Bordentown Township's Environment page),

<http://njtreefoundation.org/2013/01/we-are-celebrating-15-years-by-giving-away-15000-trees-on-arbor-day-2013/>

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Roger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marilee. Meeting ended 9:40pm

Green Team Meeting: Discussion and update on Green Team issues

Community Garden Action: We would like to prepare the area and plant by May 15th. Committee members, volunteers and sponsors will be notified of a 'ground breaking' ceremony - local newspapers will be asked to cover the event.

Tree Planting and Cleanup Day: will be Saturday, April 20th. Lauren will order a minimum of 25 (free) trees.

Open House: will be March 16th from 10am to noon at NCP. The purpose is to procure new members for the Green Team. Business sponsors will be asked to display signage and local papers will be sent announcements for publication.

ERI Update: A photo contest will be held so that local residents' photos may be used in the ERI document. We are continuing to review the ERI draft for typos and content.

Sustainable NJ Green Challenge 2013: we will begin to focus on an Annual Pledge instead of quarterly pledges.

Lauren Frazee AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador: Lauren passed out flyers and discussed the March 9th 'Clean-Up the Marsh on Duck Island.