

BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES Monday, March 18, 2013

MEMBER	TITLE	Present	Absent
Roger A. Plew	Chair	x	
Sidney Morginstin	Vice Chair	x	
Marilee Ryan	Secretary	x	
Livia Popko	Member	x	
Jill Popko	Committee Liaison	x	
Dean Buhner	Public Works		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 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: Marilee Ryan made a motion and Livia Popko seconded to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2013 minutes. Motion passed with abstention (Sid was absent last meeting)

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 resident Mel Silvestra was in attendance and participated in EC and Green Team discussions.

7. E.C. DISCUSSION

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

Solar Ordinance Request: Sid submitted the draft to the members, after a discussion, he will edit the document to include verbage regarding emergency rooftop access. A motion was made by Roger and seconded by Livia to submit the edited copy of the Solar Ordinance Request to the Township Committee. Motion passed. The EC will then address any concerns of the Committee if it sent back for corrections, additions or changes.

EC Member's Forum: 1) We have some and will be on the look-out for more (inexpensive) give-aways/pass-outs for EC public events. 2) Each EC member were given a 'letter of support' and asked to solicit local businesses to donate \$50 for our mission. 3) Deputy Mayor Popko reported that the mosquito spraying of NCP will continue. EC members will gather information against the spraying and present to the Committee again next year.

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: Sid made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roger. Meeting ended 9:00pm

Green Team Meeting: Discussion and update on Green Team issues

Community Garden Action: Roger announced that the plowing is done (3 rows of 50ft). Public Works will be asked to put down wood chips to make paths between rows. Home Depot is willing to donate fencing - possibly all that we need. Ways of getting a gate were discussed. We have 4 rain barrels that need to be sanded, primed, painted and fitted with hardware. A possible rain barrel workshop was discussed. May 11th will be the Ribbon Cutting ceremony with planting to follow. Rain date is May 18th.

ERI Update: Photos have been submitted by residents. The Gallery Reception will be April 6th 5-7pm in the Warming Room at NCP. EC members will meet March 30th to finalize details of the reception (food, invitations, photo presentations, awards, etc).

Sustainable NJ Green Challenge 2013: Roger passed out 5 pledges to EC members and attendees. We will ask neighbors/residents to participate and fill out the pledge.

Tree Planting Day/Clean Up - April 20th, 9am to 12 noon. Volunteers will meet at Bossert Park (Thornton La). 75 trees will be planted along with a clean-up of the park. (NCP clean-up will be scheduled at a later date). Lauren Frazee, AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador announced a list of needed supplies - Roger will try to get most items donated and Lauren will use her resources to obtain what is not donated. Needed items include: stakes, fencing, shovels, mulch/wood chips/peat moss, water/rain barrels. Mel Silvestra lives on the park border and offered to run a hose from his home. A discussion was held regarding the future maintenance of the trees.

Open House: was held March 16th. Turn-out was poor - probably due to weather (cold/wintery mix).