

BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES Monday, April 15, 2013

MEMBER	TITLE	Present	Absent
Roger A. Plew	Chair	x	
Sidney Morginstin	Vice Chair		x
Marilee Ryan	Secretary	x	
Livia Popko	Member	x (8:15)	
Jill Popko	Committee Liaison	x	
Dean Buhrer	Public Works		x

Note: The Green Team meeting started at 7:30. The EC meeting followed at 8:30 after a quorum was achieved.

Green Team Meeting: Discussion and update on Green Team issues

Community Garden Action: Roger announced that Home Depot has donated \$1600 of chain link fencing - which covers the entire garden area. May 11th will be the Ribbon Cutting ceremony with planting to follow. Rain date is May 18th.

Announcements: 1) Ocean Spray has notified us that the barrels are ready for pick-up. 2) The new recycle bins have spaces on the sides for ads. Marilee will research current pricing and cost of signs. 3) Bordentown City Green Team has invited our members to attend their meeting on April 16th at Carslake Community Center at 7pm. 4) Holy Cross is having their Solar Panel ceremony Saturday, April 27th at 11:15. There will also be a Pancake Breakfast at 10:30am at the church. 5) Green Fair will be held June 8th. 6) The Gallery Reception was held April 6th 5-7pm in the Warming Room at NCP. Roger thanked members for making it a success with special accolades to Deputy Mayor Jill Popko for preparing the food and the spectacular way it was displayed. Photos taken by Koedi will be on our website.

Sustainable NJ Green Challenge 2013: Roger reported that we are getting closer to our goal as more challenges are getting turned in.

EC MEETING

1. SALUTE TO FLAG

Chairman Plew called the meeting to order at 8:30 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 January 16, 2013, 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: Livia Popko made a motion and Roger seconded to adopt the minutes of the March 18, 2013 minutes. Motion passed.

4. OLD BUSINESS: Deputy Mayor Jill Popko reported that the Solar Ordinance is being reviewed by the township attorney.

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

7. E.C. DISCUSSION

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

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. Lauren Frazee, AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador announced that all needed supplies will be there. She reviewed her 'to do' list. Trees should be 25ft apart and some re-staking will need to be done. She asked EC members and Public Works to bring any extra gloves, shovels, trowels and/or wheelbarrels.

Student Representatives: The Township Committee is looking into changing the EC requirement that members must be 18 years old, allowing two students to be non-voting members of the EC.

Supporter Program: Everyone from last year is on board plus two new members. We have 17 supporters totaling \$850.

(National) Drug Take Back Day: will be April 27th from 10 - 2pm. Flyers are being distributed asking area residents to bring old, left over prescription drugs to the Bordentown City police station.

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) Koedi will research recycling efforts at the high school and report her finding to Jill. If necessary Jill will follow up with the Principal. 3) Wednesday, April 17th, 7pm - there will be a gathering of residents at Terry Field to meet with the Mayor regarding possible parking in Terry Field instead of on the street.

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)

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Marilee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roger. Meeting ended 9:00pm