

BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

| MEMBER | TITLE | Present | Absent |
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| 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 |

EC MEETING

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 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 made a motion and Marilee seconded to adopt the minutes of the April 15, 2013 minutes. Sid abstained due to his absence last month. Motion passed.

4. OLD BUSINESS: Deputy Mayor Jill Popko reported that the **Solar Ordinance** is being reviewed Mr. Kearns, Township attorney. Sid will be sent a draft for his review.

High School recycling: Waiting for a call back from Ann Moore. Koedi Shakir will follow up.

Illegal dumping issues Bonnie Lane. Will discuss at next months meeting.

Shredder Day: Roger reported that our May 4th event was a record breaker with 6,868 lbs of paper shredded!

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

City Green Fair: June 8th. EC members signed up to man our table.

July 4th Concession stand: EC members signed up to sell refreshments for the Annual Fishing Derby.

Community Day will be September 21st. EC members were asked to volunteer to prepare a rain barrel for the raffle.

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: Sid made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Livia. Meeting ended 7:50pm

Green Team Meeting: *Discussion and update on Green Team issues*

ERI update: Kerry would like more photos taken in the Township by local residents for the report - should be digital and be emailed to Roger asap.

Community Garden Action:

Ribbon Cutting was held May 11th. Photos were submitted by Marilee to be used on the Township website.

We need a "Save Our Natural Resources brochure explaining the ERI. Livia volunteered to do the brochure by June 8th.

Garden Maintenance: David Hlubik submitted a map with the placement of the plants in the garden. He will place stakes at corners to prevent hose from destroying plants. Koedi Shakir will set up a link on the Township's website to connect to a Green Team Calendar so that volunteers can sign up to water and weed the garden. Jill will submit FAQ's for the site.

Sustainable NJ Green Challenge: to date we have 95 1st quarter pledges and 75 yearly.

Facebook: Koedi Shakir will start a GT Facebook page. As people 'like' our page they will be able to receive updates and information about EC and the Green Team projects and events.

Other: Jill reported that she met with the Burlington County Health department regarding spraying toxic chemicals in our wetlands. The mosquito population is expected to be the highest ever and a dangerous new breed has been identified. Handouts were given to EC and GT members and 1500 will be distributed on resident doorknobs.

ANJEC Workshop: Protecting Our Streams: Taking Local Action. Tuesday, June 18

6:30pm - 8:45pm West Windsor Senior Center. This program will explore the actions municipalities, with the guidance of their environmental commissions, can take to protect streams and surface water in their communities from the impacts of non-point pollution, stormwater and biological degradation.

Meeting was adjourned 9:10pm.