

# BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 17, 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

### EC MEETING

#### 1. SALUTE TO FLAG

Chairman Plew called the meeting to order at 8:50 PM and led those present in a salute to the flag. (note: GT meeting was held first).

#### 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:** Sid made a motion and Livia seconded to adopt the minutes as corrected of the May 21, 2013 minutes. Motion passed.

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

**High School recycling:** Koedi Shakir lead a discussion on possibly attending a School Board meeting this summer and/or writing a letter to the School Board with Jill's help. It is still unclear if the high school is 100% recycling.

**Illegal dumping issues:** There are concerns about residents dumping grass clippings, brush, etc on Bonnie Lane, East Drive, and the Bywater neighborhood. A discussion consisted of suggestions such as starting 'neighborhood' composting sites, filing complaints to enable the enforcement of our 'no dumping' laws, informing the public via letter to local papers, Burlington County Bell, Burlington County elected representatives (via their newsletters) and Township website. Roger offered to write a letter and take pictures. EC would like to educate residents that grass clippings cost us money if they end up in the landfill....should be encouraged to use mulching mowers.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS:

**Planning Board.** There were no issues to discuss.

**Zoning Board.** There were no issues to discuss.

**Other:** The Economic Development Advisory Commission has new members. It was suggested that we exchange information that impacts issues of concern to both of our organizations.

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

#### 7. E.C. DISCUSSION

**City Green Fair:** Was held June 8th. EC had a table where EC members talked to residents, obtained signatures for our Annual and Quarterly Pledges and sold EC items (messenger bags, etc).

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

**Community Day** will be September 21st. Roger has volunteered to prepare a rain barrel for the raffle.

**Advertising on recycle containers:** Marilee reported that Fast Signs will do 2 duplicate signs for \$62.50 + a \$50 graphic fee. Marilee offered to provide camera-ready artwork to Fast Signs at no charge to an advertiser. A suggest price was \$200 to \$350 for one year. It was suggested that we give a potential advertiser a choice to use Fast-Signs or produce their own signs using our specifications.

**Monthly Financial Accounting Report:** It was suggested that the EC members be provided with an accounting report at each meeting. This would include EC/GT/ Business Supporter Account Receivables, Account Payables and Account Balances. Roger reported that our balances to date are around: EC \$1100, GT \$500, Business Supporter \$1200.

**Environmental Commission/Green Team:** A discussion was held regarding what are EC issues and what are Green Team issues. Sometimes GT subjects/projects/actions are discussed in EC meetings and vice-versa.

**Fundraising:** Deputy Mayor Popko will ask our Township Attorney and/or Auditor to clarify our role in fundraising and getting grant monies.

**Annual Report 2012:** Roger passed out the BTEC 2012 Annual Report and a Picture Supplement. He asked members to review and send him any corrections/additions etc.

#### 8. FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**Useful Websites:** [www.sustainablejersey.com](http://www.sustainablejersey.com), [www.nj.gov/dep/wms/subscribe.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/wms/subscribe.htm)

[www.peoplepapers.com](http://www.peoplepapers.com) (current and past editions with Bordentown Township's Environment page)

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting ended 10:00pm