

BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES July 15, 2013

MEMBER	TITLE	Present	Absent
Roger A. Plew	Chair	X	
Sidney Morginstin	Vice Chair	X	left 9:30pm
Marilee Ryan	Secretary	X	
Will Bancroft	Treasurer	X	
Livia Popko	Member	X	
Jill Popko	Committee Liaison	X	
Dean Buhrer	Public Works		X

1. SALUTE TO FLAG

Chairman Plew called the meeting to order at 7:45 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, 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. OATH OF OFFICE: Will Bancroft was sworn in by Chairman Plew.

4. MINUTES: Sid made a motion and Livia seconded to adopt the minutes of the June 17, 2013 minutes. Motion passed.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Solar Ordinance: Deputy Mayor Jill Popko reported that the Solar Ordinance has been reviewed by Mr. Kearns, Township attorney and is in the hands of our Construction Official for review.

High School recycling: Roger reported that he personally visited the high school and saw first hand the recycling containers outside and is assured that the school is properly recycling. Issue is considered resolved.

Illegal dumping issues: Roger had pictures and will follow up next month.

Advertising on recycle bins: Jill explained that because the EC is a government entity, we are restricted from 'fundraising'. We can ask for 'donations'. More clarity is needed and the discussion was tabled until next month.

July 4th Concession stand: \$85 was received from running the concession stand.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Board. There were no issues to discuss.

Zoning Board. There were no issues to discuss.

Other: Green Team - membership/meetings/actions: A discussion was held regarding the role of the EC and the Green Team as sub-committee of the EC. Jill defined the Sunshine Laws and explained that the GT can only have two EC members on the GT. Chairman Plew and Secretary Marilee will be the EC members on the GT. Agendas and Minutes will be separate. Secretary Marilee was asked to gather GT emails and send out a 'Call to Action' and compile a list of GT members. GT issues will be discussed at EC meetings, but any EC members that care to attend or be GT members cannot discuss EC items.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

7. E.C. DISCUSSIONS

Community Day will be September 21st.

Monthly Financial Accounting Report: Members were given an EC Financial Statement. Next month members will be sent the Financial Statement in advance of the meeting. Will Bancroft was unanimously elected as the Treasurer. All expenditures should be categorized and Will will work with the township treasurer to clarify the reports. Accounting Reports will be an Agenda item.

Fundraising: Deputy Mayor Popko reported that we can only ask for donations because we are a government entity.

Annual Report 2012: Marilee submitted all the articles that were published in People Papers along with the amount of space that was donated (\$15,000 to date). It was suggested that it be included in the Annual Report and perhaps we can get Sustainable Jersey points for the Education category. Marilee will follow up with Sustainable Jersey.

Bulk Mailing: Jill will find out if we can use the Townships' Bulk Mailing Permit to send out EC information.

ANJEC Environmental Congress: Sid would like to attend on October 19, 2013

Wailing Woods/Halloween Parade: A discussion was held regarding participation. Both would promote the EC and help increase membership. Marilee to gather information on the parade.

PNC Bank: They are giving grant money and we may qualify. There is only one week left until the deadline. Liv will research and submit the needed information. We will be on the lookout for more grant money that may be available to us from other organizations.

Facebook: Our page is up and members are encouraged to participate and check for postings.

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. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting ended 9:50pm