

# BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES August 19, 2013

MEMBER	TITLE	Present	Absent
Roger A. Plew	Chair	x	
Sidney Morginstin	Vice Chair		x
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 7:40 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. MINUTES:** Livia made a motion and Will seconded to adopt the minutes of the July 15, 2013 minutes. Motion passed.

**4. SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Marilee reported that a thank you note was sent to Russ Ayres for the hot dog donation for the July 4th Annual Fishing Derby.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Will. EC Account \$506.35. Supporter Account \$1323.88. GT Account Balance \$500

### 6. OLD BUSINESS:

**Solar Ordinance:** Deputy Mayor Jill Popko reported that it is written. Pete Carbone will return it tomorrow and she will have it for next month.

**Green Team Status Report:** Actions spreadsheet was reviewed and discussed.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

**Other: Clifton Mills road sealing complaint:** Roger reported that a Clifton Mills resident brought to his attention that the roadways were resealed with a product containing Coal Tar: a known carcinogen- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH's). Research has linked their presence in water to the use of driveway sealers. A Coal Tar Ban Resolution was introduced. Verbage will be reworded and presented again next month.

### 8. E.C. DISCUSSIONS

**Planting around gazebo at NCP:** Jack Carmen (Township Planner) was introduced by Deputy Mayor Jill Popko. He participated in a discussion about the best possible greenery to plant there. Jill will look into the availability of using anything from the Township's Tree Bank. Jack will submit a sketch and costs. If we use native plants it could be a Sustainable Jersey Action.

**Rain Garden:** Jack Carmen reported that Rutgers Co-op conducts demonstrations. He will research and let us know what other options may be available to start one. This is a possible Sustainable Jersey Action.

**Community Day** will be September 21st. Members asked to sign up to man our tables.

**Fall Shredder Day:** will be November 2nd. Roger to contact Guardian to reserve the truck.

**Correspondence/Roger:** Received note from Lauren Frazee (our Watershed Ambassador), Sustainability at Shoprite letter & letter from NJDOT. Roger reported that all mail that is addressed to him/EC is opened and the NJDOT letter was delayed getting to him by 3 ½ months. Jill will inquire about the procedure.

**Wailing Woods:** Roger will send out emails asking for GT volunteers to participate.

#### Commission member's forum:

**PNC Bank:** They are giving grant money and we may qualify. Liv will be on the lookout for next year.

**Illegal dumping issues:** Roger will write a letter to the Township Committee reporting the issue and the impact it has on the environment. It will be reviewed and decide if the letter will be sent as a 'resident's' concern or from the EC.

**Advertising on recycle bins:** We can ask for 'donations' for businesses to advertise. More clarity is needed and the discussion was tabled until next month.

**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). She asked that it be included in the Annual Report and perhaps we can get Sustainable Jersey points for the Education/Outreach category. Roger to research if it's not too late to include in the Annual Report.

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

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Township Resident Pattie Shaw commented on the Coal Tar Resolution, asking that residents not have to obtain a permit to seal their driveways. She submitted her email and would like to be informed on GT activities.

### 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) Handout: Shoprite Earth 2013 brochures

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting ended 10:45pm