

BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES October 21, 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, 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: Reviewed and corrections were discussed. The corrected Minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Will will provide Marilee with the necessary information needed to send his employer a thank you note for donating facepaint and doing Will's face for the Wailing Woods event.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: EC Account \$339.31 Supporter Account \$1323.88 GT Account Balance \$500. Filed for audit. Will is looking into a format that will give us the financial information in a less complicated report.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Solar Ordinance: Pete Carbone, Bordentown Construction Official gave an informative presentation of the Solar Ordinance.

Coal Tar Resolution was discussed. Members presented additional research. Roger will write a new resolution.

Gazebo planting update: Jill: in speaking with Jack Carmen, it was determined that the cost will be around \$1,000. We could possibly put this in our budget for next year.

Green Purchasing Policy: Roger reported that is done. He will bring to next month's meeting.

Fleet Inventory: Liv, has acquired a list of police vehicles. She is reaching out to Sustainable NJ on how to merge information and will continue to work on this action.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Board. There were no issues to discuss.

Zoning Board. Dunkin Donuts would like to build in Bottom Dollar's parking lot. We have no concerns at this time. Jill will ask Brian Johnson (Bordentown Township Community Development) to provide copies of Environmental Impact Statements and any applications asking for waivers to the EC to review and offer input on any environmental concerns we may have.

8. E.C. DISCUSSIONS

Community Day: Angel Sauro, sent a thank you for our participation.

Commission member's forum:

1) Sid attended ANJEC Annual Convention. He will send links of the presentations.

2) November 2nd is our Shredder Day. Marilee will contact Sustainable NJ to see if we can start a 2014 Challenge now. In the past we asked residents to sign a Challenge while in the drop-off line.

3) Members can email Roger (in advance) any suggestions they would like on the Agenda.

4) Members are encouraged to attend workshops, educational seminars, etc....however, if there is a cost that needs to be reimbursed, permission needs to be given in advance.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: Three township residents were present. Two residents who won the rain barrels at Community Day said they would like to help the Green Team, especially with the Community Garden. Township Resident Jill Popko commented on 1) Public Works expansion. Some contamination was found and environmental studies are being done. 2) Possibly a 1.4 million sq.ft. warehouse will be built in the township. Solar Panels on the roof is an interest and the EC could be involved in reviewing the application for them. 3) Wailing Woods was a success and Jill reported getting many compliments on our participation. 4) Coal Tar Ban: suggested that the EC be pro-active. Contact local legislators at State level. 5) Community Garden is languishing. Roger will follow up with Dave Hlubik (GT member) and come up with a plan.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting ended 10:30pm

Respectively Submitted: Marilee Ryan, BTEC Secretary