

# BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES November 18, 2013

MEMBER	TITLE	Present	Absent
<b>Roger A. Plew</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Sidney Morginstin</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Marilee Ryan</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Will Bancroft</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Livia Popko</b>	<b>Member</b>		<b>x</b>
<b>Jill Popko</b>	<b>Committee Liaison</b>	<b>x</b>	
<b>Dean Buhner</b>	<b>Public Works</b>		<b>x</b>

### 1. SALUTE TO FLAG

Chairman Plew called the meeting to order at 7:35 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:** September 17th and October 21st were approved as corrected.

**4. SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Marilee send out 4 thank you notes to the people who participated in our Wailing Woods display.

### 5. OLD BUSINESS:

**Solar Ordinance:** The Township has it now.

**Gazebo planting update:** Jill: Holding off until Spring due to lack of funds. Mayor Cann: possible Open Space funding. Need letter from Boy Scouts. Jill to send Jack's plan.

**Green Team Update/Status Reports on In-progress actions.**

**Green Purchasing Policy:** Roger handed out the completed document and asked members to review for next meeting. Dean will be given a copy for his review.

**Fleet Inventory:** Liv absent, will report next meeting.

**Water Conservation** - Jill found an old ordinance. It is close to what we want. We will only need to amend it instead of writing a whole new ordinance. Bill Kearns will review it.

**Poster Contest:** Roger and Jill met with the Girl Scouts. They are very excited to participate. This will count for an Action along with Dean's Book Recycling at Public Works under **Community Education & Outreach**.

**Community Garden:** it is all plowed and seeded for winter.

**Shredder Day:** we shredded 3600 lbs. The next event is scheduled for the first Saturday in May 2014.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS:

**Zoning Board.** Dunkin Donuts/ Bottom Dollar's parking lot. The EC members were provided with copies of the Environmental Impact Statements, there are no concerns at this time. The Zoning Board meets Wednesday if anyone wants to attend.

### 7. E.C. DISCUSSIONS

**Commission member's forum:**

1) Sid attended ANJEC Annual Convention. He provided a CD to the members. He reported that "Complete Streets" (bike trails, etc), and "Clean Air" Energy Star Program were two seminars he attended. The Energy Star Program could be a possible GT project for a Sustainable NJ Action. He will review, analyze and report back. Sid requested to contact West Windsor regarding bike/ walking path and no objections were noted.

2) Sid asked if we are recapturing and reusing methane gas from Parklands Landfill. Mayor Cann approached the subject years ago and will approach PSE&G for an answer.

3) Sid asked if we have a 'tree-cutting' ordinance. We do not.

4) 2014 Green Team Challenge: Members are asked to bring ideas to the next meeting - would like to focus on energy conservation.

**8. LIAISON REPORT: 5 Year Plan:** Jill and Mayor Cann: The Township is now discussing a 5 year plan and budget/capital improvements and suggested that the EC do the same. Where do we want to be in 5 years?

**Public Works Expansion:** The Township is now in negotiations with the owner. There are some small environmental issues to be settled.

**Dean Buhner** is currently working on his Recycling Certification.

**Funding Sources** for EC: General budget, grants, Open Space and donations.

**Mayor Cann** commended the EC for their work, especially in involving the community.

**Chairman Plew** also thanked the Township Committee for their support. With their continued support we are looking for our Sustainable NJ certification by the end of 2014.

### 9. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting ended 8:55pm

*Respectively Submitted: Marilee Ryan, BTEC Secretary*