

BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES January 21, 2013

MEMBER	TITLE	Present	Absent
Roger A. Plew	Chair	X	
Sidney Morginstin		X	
Marilee Ryan			X
Will Bancroft		X	
Livia Popko		X	
Jill Popko	Committee Liaison		X
Dean Buhrer	Public Works		X

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. OATH OF OFFICE: Administered by Roger Plew to Will Bancroft and Livia Popko.

4. REORGANIZATION: Sid nominated Marilee Ryan for Vice-Chair. Roger stated that she had called earlier and said that she would be willing to be Secretary again if needed. Will nominated Livia, Livia seconded. Roll call vote: Will-Aye, Livia-Aye - Roger-Aye, Sid - Nay. Motion carried. Marilee was unanimously voted Secretary.

Sid suggested that we start meetings at 7pm - since the Chairman cannot come at 7pm, it was dropped.

5. PRESENTATION: Sid stated that at the ANJEC convention he attended a COMPLETE STREETS presentation. Therein reference was made to a bike program in West Windsor. Jerry Softer, the President of the West Windsor Bike and Pedestrian Path Association made a presentation of what they do.

Matt Bodner, of the Cross County Connection and Transportation Management Association talked about Complete Streets. This is funded by the federal and state governments and is a free service to local governments.

Mike Ruderman, a trustee of the WWBPA, talked about bike registration. The Police maintain the data base. (Sid related that the Chief of Police Nucera had no problem with Sid doing the date entry.) The WWBPA does the marketing and gets the forms to the police. The cost for the labels is minimal. See <http://lustrecal.com/content/?id=82>. Sid will ask the bicycle shop if they will donate the tags. Discussion followed on shared lanes, car pooling, and safe routes to school or work. Roger suggested that Sid look at Bike and Pedestrian Plan and/or Bike and Pedestrian audit. Sid suggested that at a minimum we should pass the resolution that he distributed for review and get the bike registration going. He noted that adding signs (such as "share the road") and special painted lanes could be easily done when a road is re-paved. Jerri Foster agreed. Sid will keep in touch with the above folks.

6. MAYOR STEVE BENOWITZ: suggested that the Parks and Recreation Committee be made a part of the Environmental Commission. Roger stated that having it a part of the Green Team might be better. Steve will ask Bill Kearns, the township solicitor. The Dog Park was also discussed. There is a possibility that it will be at Veterans' Park and not Northern Park.

7. MINUTES: The minutes of the December 13, 2013 were accepted as presented.

8. OLD BUSINESS: GREEN TEAM

FLEET INVENTORY: Livia Popko stated that it would be done by the next meeting.

DRIVER TRAINING: Roger Plew asked Livia Popko to work on this as well

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN AND/OR BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN AUDIT: Sid Morginstin stated that time permitting he will look into these.

COMPLETE STREETS: Sid Morginstin asked all to review the resolution he wrote for next time.

ANTI-IDLING RESOLUTION: This will be forwarded to the township committee as a recommendation,

WILL BANCCROFT: Due to work requirements he can not do a project at this time.

SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE: Roger Plew will look into this for the next meeting.

GREEN FAIR: 26 April at Joe Lawrence; Chesterfield will join with us.

GREEN PURCHASING POLICY: Roger Plew updated this with Sid's suggestions and others.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Board:

PSE&G wants to put Solar Panel in Parklands Landfill. The application will be hear 05 Feb at 7:30 PM.

Steve Benowitz reported that on 23 January the board had an informal presentation on a proposed Quick Check with 8 gas pumps at the Waterfront Properties. This would be near the Lutheran Social Ministry's building. The board indicated they would not support gas pumps.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

11. FOR DISCUSSION:

Bristol PA Incinerator: Two more hearings will be held. Steve will send the details.

5 YEAR PLAN: Roger is working on it. We will discuss at the next meeting.

SPRING CLEAN-UP: April 19th at Joe Lawrence Park; crews could be sent elsewhere.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 pm.

Submitted by: Sid Morginstin