

BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES February 18, 2014

MEMBER	TITLE	Present	Absent
Roger A. Plew	Chair	X	
Livia Popko	Vice-Chair	X	
Marilee Ryan	Secretary	X	
Will Bancroft	Treasurer	X	
Sidney Morginstin	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 February 11, 2014 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: The minutes of January 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Liv motioned to adopt, Will 2nd. Motion passed.

4. OLD BUSINESS: Green Team reports: Liv: **Fleet Inventory** - e-mailed Chief Nucera requesting the Public Works Fleet Inventory information. She will add to the Fleet Inventory when received.

Green Purchasing Policy: Roger - a packet and cover letter sent to Township Committee - with Land Use Pledge for the Committee to do a Resolution. **Poster Contest:** Roger had a sample poster from the Girl Scouts. Suggested we purchase ribbons for each age group. **Anti-Idling:** Marilee - Gave a sample Resolution to Jill, she will submit to the Township Committee, they will take under advisement to make a Resolution. The next step is identifying known locations where idling is taking place. Marilee will email EC members and GT members asking for input. The suggested locations will be mapped as per Sustainable NJ guidelines.

Green Fair: Roger had 2 meetings with Chesterfield, they are on board to participate. Still recruiting for spaces. Will post on website and facebook page. Suggestions include hourly demonstrations such as how to make a rain barrel, Girl Scout seed planting, etc. Americore also on board.

Water Conservation: Jill - Is following up with Township Solicitor, Bill Kearns

5. NEW BUSINESS: Planning Board - N/A, Zoning Board - N/A

6. FOR DISCUSSION: Spring Clean Up is Saturday, April 19th. Will meet at Joe Lawrence Park 10am.

Bristol PA Incinerator: Mayor Benowitz has sent out emails with meeting dates. We are encouraged to attend to voice our objections. **Shredder Day:** Should we include an electronics drop off? Roger to follow up.

ANJEC: Have dues been paid? Jill to follow up.

Letter from Abbott Marshlands (formerly the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh organization). They are asking for our Stewardship, Liv will follow-up.

Expo 2014 - Sponsored by the Northern Burlington Regional Chamber of Commerce will be held on April 8th at the Scottish Rite hall on Dunns Mill Rd. The Township will have 2 spaces there. EC would like a spot to put educational materials. Need volunteers to talk to attendees.

7. LIAISON REPORT: Jill - **Incinerator:** Jill explained how the air pollution coming from the proposed incinerator will affect towns from Burlington to Hamilton along the Delaware. The Township Committee has already passed a Resolution stating objections. There will be legal fees involved to fight it - and Bordentown will be asked to contribute.

Gas Line Pipeline thru the Pinelands. Liv will send emails to update.

Mosquito Control: Burlington County said they will now use BT (eco-friendly) instead of ABATE chemical in our wetlands. Jill has reached out to get confirmation, no return call yet. Suggested that we implement a Public Education Campaign as the mosquitos associated with West Nile are commonly found in backyards (stagnant water, etc).

Cut It-Leave It Grant: Worked with Marilee on grant and submitted on time. Will know by March 15th if awarded to us.

Recycling Cans Grant: Applied for a grant to provide cans to be placed in our parks. Roger also has information on getting free containers.

Signage: A company is inquiring about electronic billboards. Jill suggested we look at their Environmental Impact Statement portion of their application.

Ink Recycling Boxes: They are now in Township Hall.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

9. ADJOURNMENT: Liv made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Will - Adjourned at 8:25pm

