

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 17, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED:

The Bedminster Township Environmental Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building, Main Meeting Room, One Miller Lane, Bedminster, NJ. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Theresa Petras, Commissioners Art Stappenbeck, Jeff Leonard, Jamie Sunyak, Leigh Schopp and Robbie Lert.

Excused Absent: George Rodelius, Renee Mareski, Jamie Sunyak.

Unexcused: Brian Fahey

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Recognition of a quorum was followed by a reading by Vice Chairwoman Petras of the Open Public meetings Act as required by law.

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Bedminster Township Environmental Commission was filed with the Township Clerk, mailed to the Bernardsville News, Bernardsville; and the Courier-News, Somerville; and to all subscribers; and was posted at the Township Municipal building, One Miller Lane, Bedminster, New Jersey, all on January 6, 2013.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(a) Approval of Minutes: Minutes for February, 2013 meetings were approved via motion made by Robbie Lert, seconded by Jeff Leonard.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received a copy of a request for a Letter of Interpretation from PK Environmental on behalf of John Brito regarding property at 395 Cedar Ridge Road.

Received a package from ANJEC with some information on an upcoming workshop as well as a list of available publications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Committeewoman Staci Santucci introduced herself as the liaison between the Commission and township committee.

AGENDA ITEM:

Sustainable Jersey Certification; Notice was received that Bedminster's certification is due to expire on December 31, 2013. Robbie took the initiative to Winnie Fatton, Program Director for Sustainable Jersey to get some further information, which she shared with the commission. We need to contact Judy Sullivan to see if we can get information on the previous application and who the township committee person in charge of this effort will be. We also need to find out if Bedminster still has a Green Team. The application is due by June 16th, which does not give us much time. This should be discussed further at the next meeting when we have more information.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Leigh Schopp reported that the Raritan Headwaters Annual Stream Clean Up will take place on April 20th and they are seeking monetary assistance as well as volunteers to help that day. Leigh met with sean McCarthy who advised that there are funds through a Clean Communities grant, \$300.00 of that grant will go to Raritan Headwaters for the stream clean up effort. Raritan Headwaters will send a letter to the township after the clean up , which will state what the funds were used for.

Robbie Lert advised her HOA and Master Association with regard to the mulch which is available to anyone who would like to have it.

Art Stappenbeck: Gave a report on the most recent Open Space Committee meetings, this coming Sunday, April 21 there will be a tour of the town open/controlled properties. Interested parties are to meeting at town hall at 1:00pm.

As there was no further business to conduct, on a motion of Commissioner Jeff Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Art Stappenbeck, the meeting was "Adjourned" at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Theresa M. Petras
Vice Chair, and Acting Commission Secretary*

P.S – I should have brought the following up for discussion and I apologize for not doing so. It completely slipped my mind: We have received a monetary donation from the owner of Block 13, Lot 5, Spook Hollow Road, Bedminster, NJ, in lieu of replacing all of the trees which would be removed for the construction of a new home. It will be the responsibility of the Environmental Commission to oversee the use of these funds for tree planting around the township.