

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

December 18, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED:

The Bedminster Township Environmental Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 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: Chairman George Rodelius, Vice-Chairwoman Theresa Petras, Commissioners Jamie Sunyak, Rene Mareski, Tom Elliott, Jeff Leonard and Robbie Lert.

Commissioners Art Stappenbeck was absent.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Recognition of a quorum was followed by a reading by Chairman George Rodelius 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:

- a. Minutes for October, 2013 were approved via motion made by Robbie Lert and seconded by Tom Elliott.*
- b. Minutes for November, 2013 were approved via motion made by Robbie Lert and George Rodelius..*

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

AGENDA ITEM:

Angela Gorczyca – Water Quality Program Manager – Raritan Headwaters discussed the stream monitoring program in Bedminster. There is currently a robust stream monitoring program. Presentation on stream monitoring by collecting organisms from the bottom of the river. Described what to look for as a indication of water quality.

Reviewed a proposal to develop a Forest Management Ordinance to include in deer management plan. Draft will be ready by 1/31/14 for our review. The funds to pay for will come from tree donation. Motion to proceed made by Rene Mareski and seconded by Jeff Leonard. Roll call vote: all in favor.

Reviewed a proposal to develop a Groundwater Protection Ordinance. The funds to pay for will come from the EC budget. Motion to proceed made by Theresa Petras and seconded by Jeff Leonard. Roll call vote: all in favor.

KDC Solar: Discussion on environmental considerations that are issues. Need to come up with a report for the Land Use Board. Will have a work session to work on the report on December 27th.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

George announced that he will be stepping down as Commission Chair. He has been chair for four years and feels it is time to step down. He will still be on the Commission as he will continue as liaison to the Land Use Board. A new Chair has been found but that person has not been identified to the commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa M. Petras
Vice Chair, and Acting Commission Secretary