

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

December 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED:

The Bedminster Township Environmental Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 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 Jonathan Gibson, Art Stappenbeck, Jeff Leonard, and Brian Fahey

Jamie Sunyak and Renee Mareski, were excused and Joe Dunne was absent..

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Recognition of a quorum was followed by a reading by Chairman 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, 2012.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- (a) *Approval of Minutes: Minutes for November 28, 2012 meetings were approved via motion made by Art Stappenbeck, seconded by Jeff Leonard.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Bob Holtaway commented on the progress that has been made during his time as a Township Committeeman and Mayor with regard to the expansion of open space in the township. When he came into office nine years ago there were approximately 700 acres of open space, now there is almost 4,000 acres of land either owned by the town or under deed restriction easements. We have a responsibility to make sure that we continue to preserve and maintain this land for future generations. Mayor Holtaway also thanked everyone service on the commission for accepting their appointment and for their service to the town.

Joe Murphy of 455 Bunn Road – asked about deer hunting on township property. He has concerns with regard to the use of public land as outlined in a letter which he has sent to the commissioners.

Steve Frantz, Bill Richards, Angelica Oliveira, John Santac, Alice Cidman and Jill Barone were in attendance and all spoke about their concern regarding a proposed solar farm at the corner of Meadow Road and Burnt Mills Road. They all live in close proximity to the property and are concerned about their wells and septic systems as well as wild life in the area and their own quality of life. They were advised that the application has just been filed and it was suggested that they attend township meetings, get their neighbors involved and read the township's master plan.

AGENDA ITEM:

Tree Removal Application – Block 13, Lot 5, Spook Hollow Road, Bedminster, NJ

Brian Rosenberg of B. W. Rosenberg & Company, landscape Architects and Steve Parker of Parker Engineering appeared to review a proposal for tree removal for the purpose of constructing a one family dwelling and access driveway on the site. After a discussion on the number of trees being removed and the tree replacement it was decided to visit and site in person on December 28th and discuss further at our next meeting on January 16th.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Discussion on who will be leaving the commission and their possible replacements. There are two openings and we do not know who will be replacing.

As there was no further business to conduct, on a motion of Commissioner Brian Fahey, seconded by Commissioner Art Stappenbeck, the meeting was “Adjourned” at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa M. Petras

Vice Chair, and Acting Commission Secretary