

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

June 19, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED:

The Bedminster Township Environmental Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 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 Art Stappenbeck, Jeff Leonard, Jamie Sunyak, Renee Mareski, and Robbie Lert.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

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, 2013.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(a) *Approval of Minutes: Minutes for May, 2013 meeting were deferred until next meeting.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

AGENDA ITEM:

Application from 900 Holland Road for Deer Fencing. The gentleman was supposed to be present at this meeting, but has not arrived.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

George Rodelius reported that Mayor Parker had asked that we keep our Sustainable Jersey designation current. Primarily due to the efforts of Robbie Lert we were able to submit the application. She did an enormous amount of work to submit our application to the state. Next step is to go through the check list and make sure everything is done.

Renee Mareski reported that she has to get with the library people to go through the questionnaire for the gardens. Contemporary Art is already on board. They will need to provide a resolution. Sustainable New Jersey will get back to us and let us know what they need.

Art Stappenbeck had an Open Space and Farmland Advisory committee meeting. Everything has been taken care of with regard to having the township owned properties mowed. Discussion on how to recruit property owners to dedicate their property to open space. Something will be put on the website.

Robbie Lert – Filed the Sustainable Jersey Application. It was deemed “in progress”. Robbie went through the categories and points that we put in for. She thinks that perhaps we may be able to qualify for the Silver category.

Jamie Sunyak attended the sustainable Raritan River conference at the Bloustein School.

George Rodelius reported that Leigh Schopp is moving to Colorado and that Brian is no longer on the Commission, so we have two open spots that need to be filled. An issue that has been in the news – Fracking – we need to look at as a commission and get ahead of it – do we need to have some sort of ordinance in place. Deer Management – working with Tim to iron it out. It needs to be in place before the fall. Solar farm application has not been deemed complete at this time. Engineer has just received updated plans. Should be discussed at the next Land Use Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm. Motion made by Renee Mareski and seconded by Art Stappenbeck.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa M. Petras
Vice Chair, and Acting Commission Secretary