

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 30, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes

APPROVED:

The Bedminster Township Environmental Commission held a special meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 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 Sean Blinn, Jonathan Gibson, Art Stappenback, Renee Mareski, and Jamie Sunyak. Brian joined the meeting at 7:40pm.

Meeting was called to order at 7:11pm.

Recognition of a quorum was followed a reading by the Acting Commission Secretary 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 7, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

COMMISSION VACANCY:

Joe Dunne who lives in The Hills was in attendance and told the commission members a little about himself, his background and his interest in joining the commission. He has a great deal of knowledge that he can bring to the commission, including what other towns are doing.

NORTH JERSEY RC&D:

As a follow-up George met with Sally Rubin and we are going to be receiving a grant from this group to review one of our open space parcels. They will assess the property and needs, then recommend what we should be aware of and propose a plan to manage the property. We need to decide which parcel by next meeting.

LAMINGTON FARMS APPLICATION FOR SITE PLAN MODIFICATION:

Edward Russo reviewed the application, which will go before the Land Use Board.

Basically there are four items: A new tee box at the South Side of the driving range, so that it can be used in either direction; a new tee box on Hole 17 which will entail removing some Ash Trees, which would be replaced with Maple Trees; a new tee box on Hole 13, which will also entail removing some trees which have been severely damaged by recent storms, which will also be replaced; and the Consolidation of two existing tee boxes on Holes 5 and 8. Discussion that we would like to get a better idea of the size of the trees to be removed, as well as more detail as to exactly what is planned to be removed.

As a result of the discussion a motion was made by Sean Blinn and seconded by Rene Mareski, as follows:

Recommend bifurcating the application by removing the Modification of existing Tee Box play lines on Hole 5 (old course) to also serve as Back Tee on Hole 8 (old course). Recommend waiver of EIS for items 1-4 (as listed in letter from Banish). Further recommend, Land Use Board ask for an additional study on tree catalog of existing trees, ie. size and shape and impact of project on the whole area. Also asking applicant to prepare a study, to be completed by a professional, on the modification of the existing tee box on Hole 5.

A roll call vote of all commissioners was unanimous to approve this motion.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None.

As there was no further business to conduct, on a motion of Commissioner Petras, seconded by Commissioner Mareski, the November 30, 2011 special meeting was “Adjourned” at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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