

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 20, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED:

The Bedminster Township Environmental Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 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: Chairman George Rodelius, Vice-Chairwoman Theresa Petras, Commissioners Art Stappenbeck, and Robbie Lert.

Commissioners Rene Mareski, Jeff Leonard, Jamie Sunyak, and Tom Elliott were excused.

Meeting was called to order at 7:18pm.

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: Minutes for October, 2013 were deferred until next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

AGENDA ITEM:

KDC Solar Project:

General discussion on environmental impact of the proposed power plant. Art advised that if there isn't a lot of rain they are going to have to be washed. Should be built with a built in sprinkler system. The humming noise which they emit could affect wild life. If a bird were to land on a hot solar panel it could suffer burns on its feet. EMF has detrimental effect on humans, farm animals and wild life. Questions about disposal of photovoltaic cells. Creation of road and land clearing. Were there any alternative sites that Sanofi looked at?

Robbie had found a number of reports addressing: Study Biological Affects of Low Frequency Electromagnetic Fields and Clean Energy Results – Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Systems, are two that she will provide the links for, so that we can all take a look at them.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

George reported on the Trust for Forest Management and Planting which was established by the Mayor and Township Committee due to the donation received from a land owner who is constructing a new home.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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