



# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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### MEETING AGENDA

March 10, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

Borough Municipal Hall  
419 Sycamore Avenue  
Shrewsbury, New Jersey

- I. Announcement of Meeting
- II. Salute to the Flag
- III. Presiding Officer's Statement
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Review of Minutes from February 11, 2010 meeting
- VI. Review of Planning Meeting/Site Plans
- VII. New and Unfinished Business
  - A. Lawn Care Workshop
  - B. Earth Day/Electronic Recycling Day
  - C. Environmental Clubs
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Meeting Open to the Public
- X. Adjournment – next meeting, April 14, 2010

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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Environmental Commission (EC)  
Wednesday, February 11, 2010  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Jill Gwydir, Chairperson  
Sue Binns, Member  
Deidre Derasadourian, Member (PB Liaison)  
Jay Eaton, Member  
Leslie Eaton, Member  
Patricia Kurdyla, Member (7:45 p.m.)  
Kathy Loder-Murphy, Alternate Member #1  
Jeff DeSalvo, Alternate Member #2  
Hermann Allen, Associate Member \*  
Robin Blair, Associate Member \*  
Don Burden, Council Liaison \*

### Absent

Patrick DiBello, Member

\* Non-voting member

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Chairperson Jill Gwydir began the meeting at 7:36 p.m. by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Presiding Officer's statement in compliance with P.L. 1975 c.231, the Open Public Meetings Act. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Milnes.

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY'S MEETING

Mrs. Derasadourian made a motion to approve January's meeting minutes with the following corrections; in heading, correct date of minutes should read "January," not November." Heading in Section I should read "November" not "December." Ms. Binns seconded motion with corrections noted.

### II. REVIEW OF ZONING AND PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS/SITE PLANS

**Planning Board** – Due to conflict, Ms. Gwydir recused herself at 7:40 p.m. for KHov discussion. Mrs. Derasadourian reviewed draft of letter she and Mr. DeSalvo prepared for PB. Letter states EC's concerns, some being:

- Amount of open space – is there a percentage required for new developments? EC feels project does not allow for open space. Thornbrooke Adult Community is an excellent example of development mixed with open space. Mrs. Milnes will check with PB secretary to see if there is an open space requirement already in place.

- EC would like to visit site. Mrs. Derasadourian will include this in letter to PB.
- Solar Shading – since dwellings are three stories, is solar shading going to be an issue with neighboring properties?
- Will builder use energy efficient appliances and HVAC system?

Letter will be sent to PB prior to Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Derasadourian would like EC members to volunteer to assist in reading various reports as they come into EC. Upon conclusion of discussion, Mrs. Gwydir returned at 8:14 p.m.,

### **III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. Chair Report**

- **Ft. Monmouth** – Ms. Gwydir attended January meeting and reports that underground oil tanks are still being found in remediation areas. Capped sites are not allowed to be used as passive recreation, as originally thought. Plans submitted to DEP in November are still waiting for either approval and/or funding.
- **Sustainable NJ** – Ms. Gwydir met with Mayor Cooperhouse and discussed program. Mayor Cooperhouse supports program and asks EC to prepare information packet for Council members. Ms. Gwydir and Mr. Burden will present Sustainable NJ program to Council at future Council meeting. Criteria for achieving levels within program can be found at [sustainablejersey.com](http://sustainablejersey.com).
- **Lawn Care** – EC would like to host a workshop given by NJ Environmental Federation; workshop would be open to the public. EC will shoot for a date toward end of March.
- There will be a webinar next Thursday night which can be accessed from a home computer. Topic will be an overview of Sustainable NJ.

#### **B. Earth Day Fair/Computer Recycling** – Ms. Binns gave progress report of April 17<sup>th</sup> event. Supreme Recycling is booked for event. The following people and businesses have offered their services:

- Councilman Menapace will man recycling table
- Geogenic will display solar panels
- Composting display
- Shade Tree Commission table
- Master Gardeners table
- Starbucks (coffee)
- Paul David Partywares (tent, tables and chairs)

There was discussion about possible give-a-ways. T-shirts were discussed which then evolved to environmentally friendly water bottles. Water bottles were favored over t-shirts. Ms. Binns will research vendors and come back with choices for next month's meeting. Ms. Blair has a connection to an "E-Car." She will find out if it is available on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Is there a local HVAC company who would like to inform public of high efficient furnaces, tankless water heaters, or air conditioning systems? Mrs. Milnes will reach out to Lawes.

#### **C. Scenic By-way** – Mr. Eaton reported no one attended recent meeting.

#### **D. Council Meetings** – Ms. Gwydir and Ms. Binns will attend Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Ms. Loder-Murphy will attend Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mrs. Milnes will have dates of remaining 2010 Council meetings for March EC meeting.

#### **E. Environmental Club** – Students have prepared "environmental shorts" and will present them to Council at Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be a student environmental summit at Sandy Hook in May which club hopes to participate in.

- F. Newsletter** – Ms. Eaton prepared draft article. Topics to be included are “green” cleaning products (16 uses for vinegar, 12 uses for baking soda) and Lawn Care Without Toxic Chemicals Workshop.
- G. Earth Hour** – Mayor and Council endorses Earth Hour on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Resolution will be prepared.
- H. Next Meeting** – Scheduled for March 10, 2010.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Eaton made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:08 p.m., Mrs. Derasadourian seconded motion.

Susan Milnes, Secretary