



# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Environmental Commission (EC)  
Wednesday, February 13, 2008  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Kristina Latimer, Chairperson  
Patrick DiBello, Member (PB Liaison)  
Stella Fotopoulos, Member (7:47p.m.)  
Jill Gwydir, Member  
Douglas Hartmann, (ZB Liaison)  
Patricia Kurdyla, Member  
Robin Blair, Associate Member\*  
Cecilia Kodama, Associate Member \*  
Hermann Allen, Associate Member \*

### Absent

Sue Binns, Member  
Christine Gallagher, Alternate Member #1  
Don Burden (Council Liaison)\*

\* Non-voting member

Chairperson Latimer began the meeting at 7:41 p.m. by reading 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

Mr. Hartmann made a motion to approve January's meeting minutes. Mrs. Kurdyla seconded motion.

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

#### Planning Board

- Dr. DiBello reported there is continuing discussion on proposed relocation of drainage basin within Martelli at Rosewood development. EC supports PB's original requirement that homeowner association be formed (state law requires homeowner association be formed if there is common ground) and association assume responsibility of drainage basin's maintenance. Ms. Gwydir informed EC that her development, Heritage Green, has a homeowner association funded by an app. \$350.00/year fee assessed to each homeowner. Maintenance of common ground and drainage basin is responsibility of association.

- Mrs. Kodama inquired about COAH requirements. Dr. DiBello feels proposed Hovnanian development on Shrewsbury Ave. will address this issue.
- Mrs. Latimer asked if PB has completed lighting ordinance update. Dr. DiBello believes changes are now before Council. He is unsure if EC's suggestions have been included in updates.

### **Zoning Board**

- There is a plan before ZB requesting closing of pass-through between "Rosina's Restaurant" and "AJ's Deli" in strip mall on Shrewsbury Ave. Discussion will continue at March meeting.
- Discussion on proposed Walgreen's at corner of Shrewsbury and Patterson Ave. will continue at May's meeting.
- Mrs. Milnes inquired if proposed plans of 102 Sunnybank is before ZB. Mr. Hartmann is not familiar with plans. Mrs. Milnes will check with ZB secretary regarding status of drawing package.

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

**A. Council Meeting Attendance** – Mrs. Latimer proposed that an EC member be present for each Council meeting. Council meets on first and third Monday at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified. EC members support Mrs. Latimer's proposal and have signed up for two meetings each. Mrs. Milnes will prepare schedule.

### **B. Computer/Electronic Recycling Day**

- Ms. Blair, Garden Club member, reported that Garden Club is interested in participating but will not be selling flowers. Ms. Blair is working on several ideas, i.e. info. on rain gardens, butterflies, and good bugs and will keep Ms. Binns informed.
- Mr. Allen has reached an agreement with Kay Honda of Eatontown to display their hybrid model car (if there is one on lot). Mrs. Latimer has also received a commitment from Circle Chevrolet of Shrewsbury. Mr. Hartmann suggested small electric car always parked at "Grove;" Mr. Allen will check with Remson Dodge and a Mercedes Benz dealership for their "smart cars."
- Mrs. Latimer has arranged for Girl Scout troop to walk around encouraging participants to pledge to change at least one light bulb to a fluorescent bulb. Mrs. Latimer is awaiting word from "Lowe's" regarding donation of fluorescent light bulbs. Girl Scouts will also be manning "Wheel of Fortune" game, bean bag toss and face painting.
- Mrs. Latimer has designed artwork for tee shirts which will be paid for by grant money. Design will center on Litterbug Fan Club emphasizing reducing, reusing and recycling.
- Dr. DiBello has arranged for Ecology Lawn Service, an environmentally sensitive lawn and shrub care company, to set up a display.
- Mrs. Fotopoulos will contact a solar panel company.
- Sierra Club has expressed interest but requires an indoor set-up and large audience.
- MCPB's master composter will be on hand to give composting demonstrations.
- Red Bank Regional High School has offered to participate, perhaps collect batteries? If so, it must be mentioned in flyer so residents know to save and bring in used batteries.

- SBS's Enrichment Coordinator has agreed to display "Project WET" streetscapes which focus on non-point water pollution.
  - EC will request SBS's marquee, as well as Firehouse.
- C. SBS Waste Audit Report** – Mrs. Latimer received report and was disappointed in results. SBS is not recycling mixed paper, despite having recycling bins in every class, because there is no dumpster. There is no recycling of plastic and cans for after school events. Mrs. Latimer will forward concerns to maintenance head.
- D. Pay as You Throw** – Mrs. Kodama and Dr. DiBello are researching theory.
- E. SBS Environmental Club Report** – Ms. Gwydir reported first meeting was well attended with good representation from all grades, although levels tapered off as grade levels got higher. Battery collection contest will begin soon with members making posters or going from room to room spreading word.
- F. Global Warming**
- Mrs. Kodama's conversation with Mayor and Council regarding her letter requesting Mayor to sign Mayors Climate Protection Agreement has been included in Council's revised minutes.
  - DPW's Frank Clark has staked out three key spots to install "No Idling Signs" at SBS.
  - Mrs. Latimer acknowledged flyer from Mayor regarding "Mayors' Committee for a Green Future." Committee will be a resource designed to facilitate local progress toward sustainable development and municipal greening. Mrs. Latimer will ask for additional info, Mr. Allen will make copies for EC members.
  - Dr. DiBello attended presentation in Hazlet on global warming conducted by Mr. Don Smith. Presentation was well attended by local government officials. Main thrust of presentation was what can we do as a person, about global warming?
- G. Energy Audit Training** - Mr. Hartmann, Dr. DiBello and Frank Clark (DPW) were trained on how to conduct an energy audit by Dr. Patrick Hoosey of Stockton State College. Knowledge will be used to audit SBS, First Aid building, Firehouse, DPW and Borough Hall. During training at Borough Hall using an infra-red camera, several small air leaks were detected up in attic, near ductwork. Lighting in small conference room was found to be excessive (50 foot candles needed, 100 being used). Savings in Borough Hall will come from lighting adjustments and not so much from correcting small air leaks since this is a new building. EC needs to know Borough Hall's energy costs to determine base line. Authorization will be sought to to conduct audit at SBS. Mrs. Latimer has a contact who conducts home energy audits. Mr. Hartmann will reach out to contact to see if they are interested in participating in Computer/Recycling Day.
- H. Roster and ANJEC Membership** – Mrs. Milnes will update rosters to reflect new EC members and their positions.
- I. Newsletter** – Mrs. Kodama will prepare next article. Ms. Blair will contact Izzy Greico, borough clerk, to find out when next issue is scheduled to come out. If it is prior to April 26<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Blair will request Computer/Recycling Day be announced again as well as battery collection.

#### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Latimer responded to borough resident, Norma Rosenbloom's concern regarding use of brown bags to hold mixed paper. Mrs. Latimer explained that request was in error and mixed paper can be placed in a plastic container and put out for pick-up

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Fotopoulos made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Mr. Hartmann seconded motion.