

# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Environmental Commission (EC)  
Wednesday, March 10, 2010  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Jill Gwydir, Chairperson  
Sue Binns, Member  
Deidre Derasadourian, Member (PB Liaison)  
Patrick DiBello, Member  
Jay Eaton, Member  
Patricia Kurdyla, Member (7:40 p.m.)  
Jeff DeSalvo, Alternate Member #2  
Hermann Allen, Associate Member \*  
Robin Blair, Associate Member \*  
Don Burden, Council Liaison \*

### Absent

Leslie Eaton, Member  
Kathy Loder-Murphy, Alternate Member #1

\* Non-voting member

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Chairperson Jill Gwydir began the meeting at 7:35 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 FEBRUARY'S MEETING**

Ms. Binns made a motion to approve February's meeting minutes with the following corrections; Section III, Section B., "Geogenix" has offered their services as well as a Master Composter, not a Master Gardener. Dr. DiBello 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 7:39 p.m. for KHov discussion. Mrs. Derasadourian discussed the following points:

- Rebuttal letter from KHov was prepared and given to Mrs. Derasadourian. At first glance, there was no acknowledgment of site visit request. Mrs. Derasadourian will go over letter line-by-line and report back at next EC meeting. Also, Mrs. Derasadourian noted phrase of "anticipated use" of NJ Energy Star appliances. EC would like a more definite commitment. Mrs. Derasadourian will confer with borough engineer on this subject.
- Environmental witness will be testifying at 3/17/10 Planning Board meeting.

- Plans show 68.5% open space but EC would like more specifics.
- Will there be an escrow account to cover landscaping after first year? Mr. Burden feels this is s.o.p.
- EC would like to know who will be maintaining stormwater management system. Mr. Burden believes homeowners' association typically maintain system.
- How much should EC push for solar powered street lights? Mrs. Derasadourian will confer with borough engineer.

Mrs. Gwydir returned at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

- **Sustainable NJ** – Ms. Gwydir will prepare and present packets to Council members at April 1, 2010 Council meeting.
- **“Green Team Training – Part III, Funding Your Town’s Green Projects”** will be presented on March 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ms. Gwydir will be going and Ms. Blair expressed interest. Anyone else?

**B. Deer Problem** – Mr. Burden discussed possibility of culling deer population in boro. Ms. Gwydir reported Tinton Falls is considering similar strategy. Discussion is in preliminary stage here in boro.

**C. EC Hats** – Additional hats are needed for new members. Mrs. Milnes will reach out to boro resident who does embroidery to check availability and price of new hats. Hats will be needed by all members for Earth Day Fair.

**D. Lawn Care** – EC will host workshop on organic lawn care on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 7:30 here at Boro Hall. Announcement will be on website as well as firehouse marquee and backpack notices.

**E. Earth Hour** – Council will prepare resolution for event to be held worldwide on Sat., March 27, 2010, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Backpack notices and firehouse marquee will announce event.

**F. Earth Day Fair/Electronic Recycling Day** – Plans are well underway for Sat., April 17, 2010 event. Ms. Binns reports additional participants will include Bagelmasters, bee keeper, Clean Ocean Action, 7<sup>th</sup> Generation, and possibly Environmental Federation (Ms. Gwydir will check into this). Water bottles are being ordered. Ms. Binns will send out a choice of 10 suggestions for possible logo on bottles; EC members will vote for their favorite. Mr. Eaton forwarded invoice for water bottles to Mrs. Milnes will prepare purchase order. Mr. Eaton also requested Mrs. Milnes to e-mail him EC letterhead. Mrs. Milnes will coordinate printing of table banners.

**G. Environmental Club** – Clean Ocean Action is scheduled to speak to club.

**H. Articles** – Mr. Burden shared two interesting articles: “Sustainable Jersey Builds Excitement and Commitment in Ocean City” and “Managing Problems Caused by Canada Geese.”

**I. Next Meeting** – Scheduled for April 14, 2010.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. DiBello made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m., Mr. Eaton seconded motion.

Susan Milnes, Secretary