

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Environmental Commission (EC)
Wednesday, April 14, 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 (7:45 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 *(8:40 p.m.)

Absent

Leslie Eaton, Member

* Non-voting member

Chairperson Jill Gwydir began the meeting at 7:38 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 MARCH'S MEETING

Dr. DiBello made a motion to approve March's meeting minutes. Ms. Binns seconded motion.

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

Planning Board – Due to conflict, Ms. Gwydir recused herself for KHov discussion. Mrs. Derasadourian discussed the following points:

- Environmental Study is scheduled for April 21st PB meeting.
- Field trip/site visit is still being worked out. Mrs. Derasadourian will reach out to boro engineer to set visit up.
- While attending PB class, Mrs. Derasadourian learned that EC can provide input for changes in Master Plan.

Mrs. Gwydir returned at completion of discussion.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Chair Report

- **Sustainable NJ** – Ms. Gwydir will present packets to Council members at May 3rd Council meeting. She strongly encourages EC members to attend.
- **“Green Team Training – Part III, Funding Your Town’s Green Projects”** – Ms. Gwydir attended March 20th workshop where she had opportunity to talk with boro resident, Dr. Judith Kramer. Dr. Kramer volunteered to be a member of boro’s “green team,” which is part of Sustainable NJ project. Dr. Kramer suggests EC tap into members of school’s environmental club as members of “green team.”
- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant** - Ms. Gwydir reports funds have been taken away due to fiscal problems therefore, application is on back burner.
- **Community Partnership Initiative Program** – Ms. Gwydir was given permission by Mayor Cooperhouse and Councilman Burden to enroll in program. Representative from program will participate at Electronic Recycling Day where she will be signing residents up to reduce energy consumption. Each resident who signs up will receive an environmentally friendly water bottle. Dr. DiBello suggests EC follow up with participants. Ms. Gwydir will e-mail document to EC members detailing program.
- **Lawn Care Workshop** – All systems are “go” for organic lawn care workshop to be held on April 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided by EC members. There was discussion about placing signs around town advertising upcoming events. Perhaps sandwich style boards could be placed at DPW, or maybe magnetic signs which can be placed on dumpsters. How about asking “Five Guys” to use a portion of their front window to paint announcements on.

B. Earth Day Fair/Electronic Recycling Day – Plans are well underway for Sat., April 17, 2010 event. Ms. Binns reports preliminary set-up will take place on Friday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. EC members are asked to arrive at Boro Hall at 8:00 a.m. on Sat. morning. The Hub and Monmouth Journal are slated to cover event. Mr. Eaton presented one water bottle to each EC member and encouraged them to bring bottles to Sat.’s event filled with water, rather than using plastic water bottles. 80 bottles of water have been donated to event by Shade Tree Commission and are stored at Historical Society. In Mr. Burden’s absence, Mr. Eaton will be responsible for getting bottles out to event. Mrs. Milnes will make sure Boro Hall doors will be open.

C. Rain Garden – Ms. Gwydir met with Mrs. Jauch at SBS. She’s eager to get involved in rain garden. Mrs. Loder-Murphy will reach out to Mrs. Jauch to get ball rolling.

D. SBS Environmental Club – Club members will participate in Environmental Summit on May 13th at Sandy Hook. Clean Ocean Action will be coming in to speak to club next week about Sandy Hook. On April 24th, COA will conduct a beach sweep from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Club members will be helping out and EC members are encouraged to participate, as well.

E. Creek Pollution – Mr. DeSalvo reports major debris in creek running through neighborhood off of Sickles Place. Mr. Burden reports creeks are controlled by DEP but will talk to Code Enforcement Officer about possible dumping by residents. Perhaps an e-mail blast to residents alerting them to this problem would be an effective idea.

F. Earth Hour – Ms. Blair feels there was decent participation in event that was endorsed by Council.

G. Next Meeting – Scheduled for May 12, 2010.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. DiBello made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m., Mrs. Derasadourian seconded motion.

Susan Milnes, Secretary