



# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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### MEETING AGENDA

June 10, 2009 - 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 May 13, 2009 meeting
- VI. Review of Planning and Zoning Board Meetings/Site Plans
  - Montessori Academy (35 and 45 White Rd.)
  - Paul David Partywares (50 and 60 Riordan Pl.)
- VII. New and Unfinished Business
  - A. Welcome New Members
  - B. DPW Update – Tom Menapace
  - C. Rain Garden Update – Sue Milnes
  - D. Shredding Day Overview
  - E.. EC Goals for 2009
  - F.. Newsletter Coordinator
  - G.. Council Meetings
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Meeting Open to the Public
- X. Adjournment – next meeting, July 8, 2009

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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Environmental Commission (EC)  
Wednesday, May 13, 2009  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Sue Binns, Member  
Jay Eaton, Member  
Leslie Eaton, Member  
Jill Gwydir, Member  
Patricia Kurdyla, Member (7:44 p.m.)  
Hermann Allen, Associate Member \*  
Robin Blair, Associate Member\*

### Absent

Patrick DiBello, Member (PB Liaison)  
Christine Gallagher, Member  
Cecilia Kodama, Associate Member \*

\* Non-voting member

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In lieu of chairperson, Secretary Susan Milnes 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 APRIL'S MEETING

April minutes were not complete at meeting time; minutes will be approved when complete.

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

#### Zoning Board – Montessori Academy (35 and 45 White Rd.)

Plans reviewed, there appears to be no environmental concerns at this time. EC is pleased to see plans for a rain garden.

**Action:** Mrs. Milnes will check with ZB secretary regarding status of plans w/in ZB.

### III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**A. Computer and Electronic Recycling Day** – Ms. Binns reported on yet another successful event. Data collected showed 113 cars dropping off almost 7000 lbs of electronics. Mr. Burden believes fair/tent portion of event was better attended than last year, although Mr. Allen feels more advertising would have brought in more residents. In general, EC feels competing with Baseball Opening Day had a negative impact on participation. Ms. Blair reported that Garden Club was very happy to participate in Fair and felt participation was definitely worthwhile.

- B. Website** – Questions were asked about using e-mail blasts and website to advertise upcoming EC events, news and photographs.  
**Action:** Mrs. Milnes will check with Izzy Grieco who manages borough web site.
- C. ANJEC** – Mrs. Kurdyla shared excellent article she wrote detailing EC's most notable achievement; the very successful annual Computer and Electronic Recycling Day. Article will be included in ANJEC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration booklet.
- D. Biochar Presentation** – Mrs. Milnes arranged to have four SBS students speak about an environmental project they have been working on during this school year. Biochar is an organic fertilizer the students made from char and other natural materials. Students won first place in Northeast Region and will advance to week long national competition this month in Washington, D.C.
- E. Administrative Issues** – Mr. Burden was pleased to announce Mrs. Eaton has moved up from Alternate Member #1 to full member. EC has recommended Mrs. Gwydir as new chairperson. Mr. Burden will forward recommendation to Mayor and Council. He will also recommend borough residents Kathy Loder-Murphy and Deidre DeAsadourian to Alternate positions.  
**Action:** Mrs. Milnes will track down ERI's for new members.
- F. Correspondence** – Mr. Allen passed out copies of APP article on Supreme Recycling, vender used in Computer and Electronic Recycling Day. It appears Supreme is not disposing of florescent light bulbs in proper manner.
- G. DPW** – Mr. Burden suggests EC tour Middletown's DPW. EC would like Councilman Menapace (DPW liaison) to attend June's EC meeting to share results of his upcoming meeting with DPW management.
- H. Scenic Byway** – Mr. Burden, Mr. Eaton and Dr. DiBello attended Monmouth County Planning Board meeting. Plans are underway for scenic byway through Monmouth County. Shrewsbury is part of plan.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Kurdyla made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m., Ms. Binns seconded motion.

Susan Milnes, Secretary