

# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Environmental Commission (EC)  
Wednesday, June 9, 2010  
Historical Society, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Jill Gwydir, Chairperson  
Sue Binns, Member  
Deidre Derasadourian, Member (PB Liaison)  
Leslie Eaton, Member  
Patricia Kurdyla, Member  
Kathy Loder-Murphy, Alternate Member #1  
Hermann Allen, Associate Member \*  
Don Burden, Council Liaison \*  
\* Non-voting member

### Absent

Jeff DeSalvo, Member (ZB Liaison)  
Patrick DiBello, Member  
Jay Eaton, Member  
Robin Blair, Associate Member \*

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Chairperson Jill Gwydir began the meeting at 7:37 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 MAY'S MEETING

Mrs. Derasadourian made a motion to approve May's meeting minutes with following correction; Dr. DiBello and Mrs. Loder-Murphy were **not** in attendance at May meeting. Ms. Binns seconded motion with correction noted.

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

**Planning Board** – Ms. Gwydir excused herself from meeting from 7:46 to 7:56. Mrs. Derasadourian reported on Phase 1 Environmental Assessment. She feels environmental engineer has addressed issues regarding soil. Mrs. Derasadourian asked engineer if residents can use solar panels, rain barrels or composting measures and was told “no.” She will write letter to PB urging developer to incorporate these environmentally friendly ideas.

### III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- **Sustainable NJ** – Ms. Gwydir reports Resolution 2010-51 was passed at June 7, 2010 Council meeting. She will forward resolution to Sustainable NJ organization. Discussion began on who will be on “green team.” A list of app. 15 names was created. Ms. Gwydir will prepare letter to prospective

members which will be sent out prior to first meeting tentatively scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- **Summer Schedule** – Because of vacations, EC will not meet in July. Those members who are available are invited to tour Two River Water Authority on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be rescheduled to August 4<sup>th</sup> and will meet at either Historical Society or Mediation room.
- B. Newsletter** – Another great job by Mrs. Eaton! She included reminder about change in bulk trash pick-up. While on subject of bulk trash, Ms. Binns asked if amount of hauling has decreased since inception of Electronic Recycling Day. She will look for answer from Councilman Menapace who is DPW liaison. There was also a discussion on town-wide garage sale to be held in one central spot as a way to reduce amount of material hauled away to landfills.
- C. Stream Pollution** – According to Mr. Burden, tour of stream has yet to be scheduled.
- D. EC Club** – Mrs. Gwydir and Ms. Binns report a very productive and fun-filled year! Some accomplishments include participation in Environmental Summit and letters to state senators regarding legislation requiring all cars to get 30 miles per gallon by year 2016.
- E. Water Bottle Distribution** – Mrs. Derasadourian suggests Boro Hall become a plastic free zone. This would entail providing environmentally friendly water bottles purchased for Earth Day Fair to boro employees to use rather than plastic water bottles. EC will shoot for January, 2011 to launch plastic free campaign.
- F. Rain Garden** – Mrs. Loder reports speaking with Mrs. Jauch, SBS Enrichment teacher from SBS. Mrs. Jauch arranged for master gardener from Rutgers University to evaluate possible sites on school property. Three possible sites were selected with most promising site being in front of school, left of bell door. Mrs. Jauch is very agreeable to attend EC meeting to discuss project.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Binns made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55 p.m., Mrs. Eaton seconded motion.

Susan Milnes, Secretary