

# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Environmental Commission (EC)  
Wednesday, June 11, 2008  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Kristina Latimer, Chairperson  
Sue Binns, Member  
Stella Fotopoulos, Member  
Jill Gwydir, Member  
Patricia Kurdyla, Member (left @ 8:35)  
Christine Gallagher, Alternate Member #1  
Cecilia Kodama, Associate Member \*  
Robin Blair, Associate Member\*  
Hermann Allen, Associate Member \*  
Don Burden (Council Liaison)\*

### Absent

Patrick DiBello, Member (PB Liaison)  
Douglas Hartmann, (ZB Liaison)

\* Non-voting member

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Chairperson Latimer began the meeting at 8:40 p.m., after EC participated in an hour webinar, 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 MAY'S MEETING

Ms. Binns made a motion to approve May's meeting minutes with following correction noted by Ms. Blair; correct spelling of energy saving expert's name is Hossay. Mrs. Latimer seconded motion.

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

**Planning Board** – Dr. DiBello not here to report.

**Zoning Board** – Mr. Hartmann not here to report.

EC reviewed plans from zoning officer regarding 102 Sunnybank Dr. (Bl. 9, Lot 9). Proposed dwelling is in wetlands buffer zone and 100 year flood zone. EC is concerned with disruption of wildlife habitats and plantings.

#### Action:

Mrs. Latimer will discuss concerns with Mr. Hartmann, Chair of ZB. EC has set Sat., June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to visit property.

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

- A. Webinar** – EC participated in webinar conducted by ANJEC. This week’s topic was “Powers, Responsibilities and Procedures of EC’s.” EC felt webinar rather basic but still received some good ideas. EC will continue to participate in weekly webinars.
- B. Council Meeting** – Ms. Blair and Mr. Allen attended May 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and reported the following:
- EC was presented with certificate of appreciation from Mayor Siciliano for successful computer and electronics recycling event and Earth Day celebration. Ms. Blair and Mr. Allen were honored to receive recognition on behalf of EC and only wished notice was given so all EC members were present.
  - Borough engineer is concerned with regulatory issues regarding proposed rain garden on Municipal complex property. Councilman McGuire read Ms. Blair’s letter. EC will pursue nature of Mr. Cranmer’s cause for concern.
  - Ms. Blair, Councilman McGuire and several members of STC attended an informative class on rain gardens at county’s extension facility in Freehold
- C. Recycling and Garbage Receptacles** – Ms. Gwydir reported receptacles are not yet in parks but DPW is well underway building base for each container. Base is needed for stability and security. Ms. Gwydir will check status and report back at July’s EC meeting.
- D. SBS Environmental Club and Green Team Report**
- Mrs. Gallagher reported a successful year for “Green Team” and is looking forward to next year.
  - Ms. Binns and Ms. Gwydir also reported a successful year for Environmental Club. They are proud of bottle top mosaic footprint created by members and also battery collection contest. A total of 2200 batteries were collected with 609 batteries collected by the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade alone. Goals for next year include recycling campaign in parks and in school gym during school sporting events as well as reduce waste during lunch periods.
  - Mrs. Kodama proposed an Environmental Club as part of SBS PTG but proposal was turned down. She will check with new SPTG president to see about an EC liaison. Goal of liaison would be to develop plan to reduce amount of paper being sent home and look into how school manages paper.
- E. Cool Cities Review** – Mrs. Fotopoulos spoke about worthwhile seminar she attended on May 16<sup>th</sup>. She feels if Council or school realizes positive financial impact of energy audit, audits will be conducted. Mrs. Fotopoulos loved “Mr. Energy” who talked about solar panels. There are facilities that have had solar panels installed without paying for installation. Companies buy back power (above what facility needs). Mrs. Fotopoulos will try to get Mr. Energy to come talk to Council, PB and ZB.
- F. Recycling Day** – Ms. Binns reported that four signs advertising event placed in various locations around town were taken by an unknown person. If anyone knows whereabouts of signs, please let EC know. Ms. Binns organized pizza party for Mrs. Kulovitz’s kindergarten class for having highest participation rate at recycling event. Mrs. Gallagher ran pizza party.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Fotopoulos made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m., Mrs. Gallagher seconded motion.

Susan Milnes, Secretary