

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION



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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Environmental Commission (EC)
Wednesday, September 8, 2010
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Jill Gwydir, Chairperson
Sue Binns, Member
Patricia Kurdyla, Member
Kathy Loder-Murphy, Alternate Member #1
Jeff DeSalvo, Alternate Member #2 (ZB Liaison)
Robin Blair, Associate Member *
Don Burden, Council Liaison *
* Non-voting member

Absent

Deidre Derasadourian, Member (PB Liaison)
Patrick DiBello, Member
Hermann Allen, Associate Member *

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 AUGUST'S MEETING

Ms. Blair made a motion to approve August's meeting minutes with the following correction as noted by Ms. Gwydir; Section III, Item H – Electronic Recycling/Earth Day Fair was mistakenly referred to instead of Organic Lawn Care Workshop. Mr. DeSalvo seconded motion.

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

Planning Board – Mrs. Derasadourian was not present to report.

Zoning Board – Mr. DeSalvo reports review continues on Staples Plaza. He briefed EC on additional plantings in parking lot, a planting area inbetween two rows of shops, and cutting back of growth adjacent to Rt. 35.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Chair Report – Ms. Gwydir sent letter to recreation committee urging coaches to encourage their teams to use re-usable water bottles. "Soccer Saturday" is this Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00. Recreation chair Ray Soya suggests EC conduct re-usable water bottle giveaway during event. Ms. Gwydir and her daughter will set up a table and encourage athletes and their parents to reduce their use of plastic bottles. Ms. Gwydir will also encourage residents to sign up for "Community Partners Program."

Sustainable NJ – Letters have gone out inviting certain boro residents to join

“Green Team.” Introductory meeting is scheduled for September 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at Boro Hall. Definite commitments have come from Ms. Binns, Mrs. Loder-Murphy, Mr. Derasadourian, Diane Woodriff, Councilmen Burden and Menapace, Boro Administrator Seaman and Ms. Gwydir. Ms. Gwydir will furnish copy of letter to EC members so they can forward it to interested residents. Mrs. Milnes will request meeting date and time be placed on firehouse marquee.

- B. Spring Workshop** – Mrs. Kurdyla will coordinate project; one suggestion is a workshop on planting native plants.
- C. Newsletter** – Article is due September 10th. Item submitted will include “Green Team” membership and recycling.
- D. Membership** – Mr. Burden will submit following changes to Boro Clerk, Kathy Krueger for approval by Mayor and Council: Mr. DeSalvo will replace Mr. Eaton as full member, Mrs. Loder-Murphy will replace Mrs. Eaton as full member, Mr. Derasadourian will replace Dr. DiBello as full member, Ms. Blair will replace Mrs. Loder-Murphy as Alternate #1, and Dr. DiBello will replace Mr. DeSalvo as Alternate #2.
Action: Mrs. Milnes will check data bank for possible associate member(s).
- E. Stream Pollution** – Ms. Blair reports stream behind her neighborhood (Buttonwood Drive) which flows into Little Silver Creek is in bad shape. On a recent visit, she noticed water had a strong odor and was bluish in color. She investigated further up stream and found tires, debris and very little flow which encourages mosquito breeding. EC feels entire stream has to be cleaned up. Ms. Gwydir will write letter to boro’s Board of Health expressing concerns.
- F. Solicitation** – Ms. Binns informed EC of recent door-to-door solicitations seeking support for a cleaner environment. Ms. Binns did some research and found out one group is affiliated with a national political organization. EC would like to know if groups received permission from boro hall. EC suggests approved permits be placed on boro website.
- G. Project Porch Light** – Mrs. Milnes will check with Mrs. Derasadourian to see if Project Porch Light is on schedule.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Kurdyla made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:29 p.m., Ms. Binns seconded motion.

Susan Milnes, Secretary