



# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

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## **Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting Shrewsbury Environmental Commission**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2011**

**Municipal Building, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey 07702**

Chairwomen Jill Gwydir began the meeting at 7:43pm by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Presiding Officer's Statement in compliance with P.L. 1975 c.231, the Public Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Bonnie Brookes. Present were Chairwoman Jill Gwydir and members Susan Binns, Robin Blair, Dr. Patrick DiBello, Mayor Don Burden, and Councilman Jeff DeSalvo. Also present was Mark Degenhart and Sue Milnes.

### **Approval of Minutes from December 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 Meeting**

Dr. DiBello made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. Councilman DeSalvo seconded the motion.

### **Zoning Board**

Mayor Don Burden stated that Qdoba Mexican Grill would be granted a Certificate of Occupancy without the landscaping complete due to recent large snow storms. He announced that the Asbury Park Press ran an article stating that Trader Joe's, who is moving into the Staple's complex, will be hiring in February. Mayor Burden reported that Fuji is continuing to work on their location and Pop's Garage will be moving into the Grove West. Additionally he stated that Victoria's Secret in the Grove will be conducting a renovation of the store which is required by the corporation every five years.

Dr. DiBello questioned if all these new businesses will produce more traffic in Shrewsbury.

Councilman DeSalvo stated that these concerns were addressed in the site plan and work was made on the entrance of the Staples' Complex.

### **Reorganization**

Chairwomen Jill Gwydir stated that Councilman Jeff DeSalvo is now a non-voting member of the Environmental Commission and that Mayor Don Burden would be appointing Hans

Zweerink who has a PhD in Microbiology and worked at Merck to fill the position. She brought to the attention of the Commission that Councilman DeSalvo resigned from the Zoning Board and a replacement would need to be located. Chairwomen Gwydir stated that Sue Milnes resigned as Secretary for the Commission and Bonnie Brookes will be replacing her in that role for 2011. She acknowledged Ms. Milnes work and stated that she would always be welcomed back to the Environmental Commission.

Mayor Burden stated that Mark Degenhart will be appointed as an Alternate Member to the Commission.

### **Electronic Recycling & Earth Day Fair**

It was stated that the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup> was Easter weekend, and the dates of April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> were suggested dates to hold the fair.

Chairwomen Jill Gwydir stated that she was unsure of the date for the Shrewsbury Borough School and Red Bank Regional's spring breaks and was concerned about a conflict because many families go away that week.

Susan Binns stated that April 30<sup>th</sup> is Earth Day and Clean Ocean Action holds their beach cleanup that day and was concerned over a potential conflict with the opening day of baseball or the Little League parade. She also stated that there is no longer curbside pick-up of electronics in New Jersey due to a new state law. It was decided that the Shrewsbury Borough School and the Recreation Commission would be contacted and a date would be selected at a later time.

Robin Blair brought up the topic of vendors and tables for the fair. Mayor Don Burden discouraged the car station at the fair this year unless it was better executed. Chairwomen Jill Gwydir stated that she thought the electric car was better and informed the Commission that last year the cars were left locked in the parking lot the whole day and the dealers should be encouraged them to stay and answer questions.

Vendors and tables that were discussed were the Shade Tree Commission, a display on rain barrels, and pre-ordered trees and native plants from the Garden Club. Mayor Don Burden questioned if the Commission could get Sickles or Trader Joe's to participate. Other suggestions included Master Gardener, solar panels, builders, the sewer authority, Monmouth County Parks, the Red Bank Regional High School Environmental Club, the Boy Scouts, and activities for children. Mark Degenhart stated he would reach out to the Boy Scouts. Susan Binns asked if there was a way to incorporate "A Billion Acts of Green", part of the Earth Day Network, into the fair.

Susan Binns suggested some type of art competition using recycled materials or a photo contest. Chairwomen Jill Gwydir suggested that the Commission could ask for donated prizes from local businesses.

Pat Kurdyla entered the meeting at 8:07pm.

## **Correspondence**

Chairwomen Jill Gwyder discussed the new state law concerning electronic recycling. Cardboard recycling was brought up for discussion and it was questioned if the town enforces this law or if the solid waste contractor is aware of it.

Susan Binns informed the Commission of a program called "Recycle Bank" which Miami and Los Angeles already signed up for and New York is in negotiation to implement the program. She stated that the program places tags on trash receptacles and tracks how people are recycling. Ms. Binns stated that residents then get credits for recycling which is then cashed in for prizes like gift cards. She said that the program can be conducted with outsourced solid waste collection pickup. She stated that this program has increased tonnage of collected recyclable material and hence increases the income of the municipality which gets paid for the recyclables based on the tonnage.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Susan Binns to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pat DiBello and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Bonnie Brookes, Commission Secretary