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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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MEETING AGENDA

April 19, 2007- 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 March 14, 2007 Meeting
- VI. Review of Planning and Zoning Board Meetings/Site Plans
"Detail Doctor" (479 Broad St.) – Bl. 35, Lot 5
- VII. New and Unfinished Business
 - A. Global Warming – P. DiBello
 - B. Education
 - C. Earth Day Celebration – Computer and Electronic Drive
 - E. Esther Hymer Nature Trail Update
 - G. Stormwater Mailing
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Meeting Open to the Public
- X. Adjournment – next meeting May 9, 2007

THIS MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL 11, 2007!

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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Environmental Commission (EC)
Wednesday, February 21, 2007
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Kristina Latimer, Chairperson
Sue Binns, Associate Member *
Robin Blair, Member
Stella Fotopoulos, Member
Douglas Hartmann, (ZB Liaison)
Patricia Kurdyla, Member
Hermann Allen, Alternate Member #1
Don Burden (Council Liaison)*

Absent

Patrick DiBello, Member (PB Liaison)
Susan Dowden

* Non-voting member

Chairperson Latimer began the meeting at 7:35 p.m. 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. Latimer, due to Mrs. Milnes' absence. Ms. Blair took minutes.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY'S MEETING

Mr. Hartmann made a motion to approve January's meeting minutes. Mrs. Fotopoulos seconded the motion.

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

Zoning Board

"Detail Doctor" (479 Broad St.) - Mr. Hartmann said that there was no further information. Mr. Burden added that the Shade Tree Commission made some recommendations and "Detail Doctor" had complied, STC was happy with additional plant material.

Planning Board

Mr. DiBello was at monthly Planning Board meeting and therefore unable to report to EC.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Year in Review - see memo

B. Education

- **SBS and Project Wet** - Mrs. Fotopoulos had a positive meeting with Superintendent Ambrosino and they seem to be going in the right direction. He made a commitment to Project Wet and set dates of March 7 @ 2:pm for first overview meeting with teachers, and a second program in April. Two teachers have signed up. To familiarize Mrs. Kurdyla with the program, Mrs. Latimer explained that this is a free environmental program through NJDEP with hands-on learning, and ways to improve problem solving skills for grades 4 – 12.
- **MCPB Programs** - Mary Ansell, of the SPTG, would like more information before she signs off on a program conducted by the MCPB. She and Mrs. Fotopoulos will try to attend a vermicomposting* program at St. James Grammer School on March 13th and April 3rd. Mrs. Fotopoulos has not heard back for confirmation of attendance. *Vermicomposting - indoor method of composting fruit/vegetable scraps using redworms. An efficient way to turn food into worm compost, a rich soil amendment.

C. Recycling Calendar

Ms. Blair showed new multicolor, two zone recycling calendar that is at Jamm Printing waiting for the printing of '07 town Directory. The calendar (2 sided) will be folded inside Directory and mailed to every household with additional copies to be available at Boro Hall, etc.

Mr. Burden said the Mayor made a special mention at PB meeting of EC's success with calendar and said she would be glad to display it on her refrigerator. Mr. Allen presented it to residents of Thornbrooke and got a favorable response. Ms. Blair thanked Mr. and Mrs. Allen for creating prototype and along with Mrs. Latimer, for the trouble shooting, proofreading and following through 'til completion. A special thanks goes to Maureen Collins, a new resident, for a **masterful** job creating the calendar on computer and working with committee. She volunteered many hours bringing it to completion. We so appreciate her efforts. Mention of new calendar will be made in the next Community Newsletter.

D. Earth Day Celebration – Computer/Electronic Drive – Sat. April 21, 9a.m. – 1p.m.

Mrs. Binns spoke to Kerry Dolan of Terronomics/Metrovation (The Grove) They offered \$375 towards the cost of computer drive to be conducted by Supreme Computer Wholesale, Lakewood (they recycle 100% of materials collected). The total cost of \$750 - includes one box truck, two workers (2 lines working at same time, packing and cleanup). The Grove will advertise and offer canvas tote bags, which could have environmental information inserted. Mrs. Binns contacted Dave Goldman of "Staples" and is waiting to hear if they will donate \$. She will seek out other business donations.

Mr. Burden mentioned contacting Police dept. with date, and "Pannera" for food donations. To alert residents, use Reverse 911, community board, newsletter, website, post cards, local newspapers, posters around town and DPW. Residents will be required to show ID. Drop off drive is opened to any electronic that can be carried – computers, keyboards, monitors, cell phones, small appliances.

Kristina Foundation – Mrs. Binns explained that they take certain types of old computers and place them with needy or underprivileged clients.

E. Budget Report

Mrs. Latimer spoke to Tom Seaman regarding a \$500.00 increase to EC's '07 budget. He said he would ask the finance committee. If approved, that would bring the annual budget to approx \$1,800.

F. Esther Hymer Nature Preserve

Mr. Allen reported that he and Mr. DiBello had walked trail and that it looked pretty good, but the new wood chips need to be spread. There was further discussion re. bridge to link two trails

G. Stormwater Mailing

Mrs. Kurdyla will look into this mailing.

H. "Every Drop Counts"

Mrs. Latimer feels we have enough on our plate and it is too expensive for right now.

I. Community Newsletter

Deadline is March 15. Mrs. Latimer asked Ms. Blair to write an article for that issue to include; 1) Recycling Calendar, with thanks to Maureen Collins & Jamm Printing 2) Earth Day Computer/Electronics Drive 3) Project Wet @ SBS

IV. CORRESPONDANCE

ANJEC Workshop –*Training to Protect Natural Resources* is being offered on three dates. Some members expressed interest in attending.

V. Meeting Open to Public

Meeting was opened to "public." Cecelia Kodama was present. She asked what the opposition by the neighbors was to EHN trail. Mrs. Latimer explained. She asked if EC had a 501C status in regards to fundraising for our computer drive to help offset cost. She also asked if we refer to ERI. Mrs. Kodama passed on that at last month's Board of Ed. meeting, Larry Ambrosino made mention of "Project Wet."

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Hartmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15. Mrs. Kurdyla seconded motion.

Minutes taken by Robin Blair

Prepared forwarded by Susan Milnes, Secretary