



# BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Shrewsbury Environmental Commission (EC)  
Wednesday, June 9, 2009  
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

### Present

Jill Gwydir, Chairperson  
Sue Binns, Member  
Leslie Eaton, Member  
Deidre DerAsadourian, Alternate Member #1  
Kathy Louder-Murphy, Alternate Member #2  
Hermann Allen, Associate Member \*  
Robin Blair, Associate Member\*  
Don Burden, Council Liaison \*

### Absent

Patrick DiBello, Member (PB Liaison)  
Jay Eaton, Member  
Christine Gallagher, Member  
Patricia Kurdyla, Member

\* Non-voting member

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Chairperson Jill Gwydir began the meeting at 7:33 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. Binns made a motion to approve minutes with the following corrections; Mr. Burden was present at May's meeting, as noted by Mr. Burden. Mr. Eaton was not in attendance at Scenic By-way meeting, as noted by Mr. Eaton via Mrs. Eaton. Mrs. Eaton seconded motion with corrections noted.

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

#### **Zoning Board – Montessori Academy (35 and 45 White Rd.)**

Plans were approved by Z.B. EC is concerned about increased traffic and associated idling on White Rd. and Broad St.

#### **Paul David Partywares (50 and 60 Riordan Pl.)**

Plans will be forwarded to Dr. DiBello for review prior to August ZB meeting. Mrs. Gwydir inquired about status of "Walgreen's."

**Action:** Mrs. Milnes will check with PB secretary, Lorraine Kelleher.

### III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**A. DPW – Councilman Menapace (DPW liaison) briefed EC on actions taken toward creating a more effective DPW. Mr. Menapace met with Mrs. Latimer and Mrs. Gallagher. Items discussed were:**

- Better recycling education for DPW workers.
- Access to county recycling newspaper to handout at recycling pad.
- How helpful should DPW workers be at pad?
- Does boro have a certified recycling coordinator?
- Combine plastics, aluminum, glass and metal for curbside pick-up.
- Reduce bulk pick-up to quarterly and perhaps combined with boro-wide yard sale.
- Curbside pick-up of cardboard.

Other DPW items:

- Mr. Menapace met with DPW manager Bob Wentway. There will be guidelines written up so each DPW worker will know what is expected of him when working at recycling pad.
- Because of his experience, Mr. Wentway is taking an abbreviated course to become a certified recycling coordinator.
- Mr. Menapace, Mr. Burden and Mrs. Gallagher visited Middletown's recycling facility on April 7 and were very impressed. Mr. Menapace encourages all EC members to tour facility.
- An outside company is conducting a survey of DPW's operations and should be complete in very near future. Results will be discussed at Council meeting. Mr. Burden will notify EC when DPW survey is open to public.
- Mr. Menapace is pursuing sola light tubes. He, along with Mr. Seaman and Mr. Wentway, visited Manchester's DPW garage where they have sola light tubes. All were impressed with sola light tube technology. Florescent lights with sensors were used to supplement sola tubes on dark days. Sales rep. came to boro's facility to take specs, quote is forthcoming.
- There is discussion regarding sharing a truck washing bay with surrounding communities.
- Should EC pursue CFL disposal kit at DPW?
- Ms. Blair requested DPW's support in discouraging idling while residents are disposing recyclables. EC suggests putting up "No Idling" signs.
- EC questioned Mr. Menapace about non-residents using DPW. Mr. Menapace informed EC that boro makes money on certain things collected so it behooves boro to let non-residents drop off recyclables.
- Ms. Binns would like to see DPW and EC on same recycling page. Can two groups have a course on recycling? Mr. Menapace suggests EC invite Mr. Wentway to monthly meeting.

**B. New Members** – EC welcomes Mrs. DerAsadourian and Mrs. Loder-Murphy as Alternate Members #1 and #2. Mrs. DerAsadourian has lived in the boro nine years, while Mrs. Loder-Murphy twenty-one. They are excited to be on EC and have opportunity to give back to their community.

**Action:** Mrs. Milnes will forward name of resident who recently expressed interest in EC via "Talent Bank Survey" to Mr. Burden.

**C. Shredding Day** – Monmouth County Planning Board's "Shredding Day" was a success. 6.82 tons or 13,640 lbs. of paper was shredded. EC questioned whether shredding should be held during Computer/Electronic Recycling Day or perhaps a separate event just for residents.

**Action:** Mrs. Gwydir will speak with MCPB contact to see if there is monetary credit given to boro for hosting event.

**D. 2009 Goals** – Recycling efforts and updating and maintaining website are two goals EC has committed to.

**Action:** Ms. Gwydir asks EC members to think about additional goals for 2009. Ideas will be discussed at July's meeting.

**E. Newsletter** – Mrs. Eaton has accepted position of newsletter coordinator. She will be in contact with Izzy Grieco, newsletter editor, for due dates throughout year as well as solicit articles from EC members.

**F. Website** – Mr. Eaton will assist in updating and maintain website, as much as his work schedule allows.

**G. Council Meetings** – It was agreed that EC members should be present at Council meetings.

**Action:** Mrs. Milnes will prepare and distribute schedule once Mr. Burden informs her of Council's summer schedule.

**H. ERI** – Additional copies of ERI are still needed for new members.

**Action:** Ms. Blair will check with ANJEC to see how often ERI's must be updated.

**I. EC Roster** – Mrs. Milnes will update and distribute roster.

**J. Rain Garden** – Mrs. Milnes has nothing new to report.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Binns made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:04 p.m., Ms. Gwydir seconded motion.

Susan Milnes, Secretary