



BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

Present

Jill Gwydir, Chairperson
Sue Binns, Member
Patrick DiBello, Member (PB Liaison)
Jay Eaton, Member
Leslie Eaton, Member
Kathy Loder-Murphy, Alternate Member #2
Hermann Allen, Associate Member *
Robin Blair, Associate Member*
Jeff DeSalvo, Associate Member*
Don Burden, Council Liaison *

Absent

Patricia Kurdyla, Member
Deidre DerAsadourian, Alternate Member #1

* Non-voting member

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Chairperson Jill Gwydir began the meeting at 7:35 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 JUNE'S MEETING

Mrs. Binns made a motion to approve June's minutes. Dr. DiBello seconded motion.

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

Paul David Partywares (50 and 60 Riordan Pl.)

Dr. DiBello briefed EC on plans to build out and add second story. Dr. DiBello is concerned with run-off during hosing down of returned tables and chairs. Will this run-off be contained in proposed rain garden?

Action: Dr. DiBello will get more details on process, Ms. Gwydir will then forward concerns to PB secretary.

Walgreen's (Shrewsbury Ave. and Patterson Ave.)

Dr. DiBello informed EC that plans are on July's PB meeting agenda. EC continues to have following concerns; impervious coverage, lighting, and signage.

Action: Mrs. Milnes will check with PB secretary to see what concerns EC has on record.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. NJ DEP Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant** – Mrs. Gwydir suggested sola tube project in DPW garage be subject of grant request, although there is a \$200,000 initiative passed by Council to upgrade DPW. Mr. Burden suggested grant money be used for continuing Manson Park’s walking trail to Gopher Field. EC discussed idling initiative, Computer/Electronic Recycling Day, and SBS’ environmental clubs under category of “Outreach and Education.” Dr. DiBello and Mr. DeSalvo suggested a plan to encourage residents to measure their carbon footprint using boro website.
- B. Newsletter** – Mrs. Eaton would like to know how EC wants to move forward. EC discussed following ideas:
- Ms. Blair and Ms. Gwydir like “Eco-Tips” along with a meaty article.
 - Mrs. Eaton suggests we include next spring’s “Computer and Electronic Recycling Day” with regard to holiday gifts and outdated equipment.
 - Article on SBS receiving high accolades for their recycling efforts.
 - Environmental tips to get ready for fall.
- C. Environmental Resource Inventory** – Ms. Blair contacted ANJEC and learned there is no specific time frame to update ERI. If municipality has significant changes, updates should be done, as well as addition of new EC members. At this juncture, EC does not feel it is necessary to expound considerable effort in updating ERI.
- D. Website** – Mr. Eaton and Mr. DeSalvo will work together to enhance EC’s website.
- E. Green Purchasing Initiative** – Is boro taking advantage of Rutgers’s green purchasing?
Action: Mr. Burden will check with Tom Seaman, CFO.
- F. Shredding Day** – Event was paid for by county. \$490.08 will be added to boro’s next tonnage report.
- G. Council Meetings** – Mrs. Milnes reported that resident questioned whether garbage men can refuse to pick up garbage containing recyclables. Council informed her they can and do. Mr. Allen reported there were no EC related topics discussed during his assigned Council meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Binns made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:15 p.m., Mrs. Eaton seconded motion.

Susan Milnes, Secretary