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MEETING AGENDA

September 12, 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 July 11, 2007 Meeting
- VI. Review of Planning and Zoning Board Meetings/Site Plans
- VII. New and Unfinished Business
 - A. Community Day
 - B. Global Warming
 - C. Recycling - Business Outreach Project
- MCPB Recycling Audit Program
 - D. Esther Hymer Nature Trail Update
 - E. Environmental Club at SBS
 - F. Regional EC Meeting Report
 - G. ANJEC Achievement Award
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Meeting Open to the Public
- X. Adjournment – next meeting October 10, 2007

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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Environmental Commission (EC)
Wednesday, July 11, 2007
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Kristina Latimer, Chairperson
Robin Blair, Member (8:06 p.m.)
Patrick DiBello, Member (PB Liaison)
Stella Fotopoulos, Member
Douglas Hartmann, (ZB Liaison)
Patricia Kurdyla, Member (7:52 p.m.)
Hermann Allen, Alternate Member #1
Sue Binns, Alternate Member #2

Absent

Don Burden (Council Liaison)*

* Non-voting member

Chairperson Latimer began the meeting at 7:45 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. Milnes.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE'S MEETING

Mr. DiBello made a motion to approve June's meeting minutes with the following correction; Section II, Zoning Board – site of proposed "Walgreen's" is light industry, not residential. Mr. Hartmann seconded motion with correction noted.

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

Planning Board

Mr. DiBello reported that it's been slow. Chairman John Madden resigned, Michael Bell will assume responsibility as chair, and Doug Milnes will step up to vice-chair.

Zoning Board

Set back variances were approved for residences on Parker Pl. and Williamsburg Dr. Approval was given to Brooks Brothers for placement of small logo insignias. Original request of 18 was reduced as per ZB.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Global Warming

EC will proceed in educating public on ways to reduce carbon emissions in small bites. Mr. Hartmann drafted two letters to Mr. Burden regarding an idling ordinance and lighting ordinance. Mrs. Latimer will look over letters and forward them to Mr. Burden.

Reducing carbon emissions will be mentioned in fall newsletter.

B. Commercial/Business Outreach

Mrs. Fotopoulos spoke with her mother, a realtor with Heritage House Realty, regarding a recycling audit. More information is needed from EC before business will commit. It was suggested that EC conducts a recycling survey of local businesses. Mr. Hartmann will learn more about law before proceeding further. Also, do we need approval from Mayor and Council before we prepare survey? Mrs. Binns will spearhead this project, Mr. DiBello will assist.

Action:

Mrs. Milnes will reach out to Lynn Spillane, Borough Clerk, requesting information on names of local businesses.

C. Esther Hymer Nature Preserve

Mr. Allen suggests a path from street to entrance of trail. He recommends same material used at Manson Park; quarry dust. Mr. Allen also reported that DPW has been maintaining trail nicely. Woodchips have been spread; path has been cleared and low hanging branches have been cut.

Mr. Allen shared plans for new walking path at Manson Park which will connect with existing path.

Mr. Hartmann prepared draft letter to Mr. Burden inquiring status of EC's request to improve nature trail. Mrs. Latimer will look over letter and send.

D. Regional Environmental Commission Meeting

Mrs. Latimer was sick for monthly meeting and unable to attend. She is excited about group whose purpose is to share valuable information among neighboring communities.

E. ANJEC Environmental Achievement Award

Mrs. Binns will check into nominating EC for this award for our efforts in organizing successful Electronic Recycling Day.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hartmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25. Mrs. Kurdyla seconded motion.

Susan Milnes, Secretary