

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
July 09, 2014

The July 9, 2014 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:05 P.M. and opened with the flag salute.

Ed Truitt said the Environmental Commission is being held in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" and the Open Public Meetings Act.

The following members were present: Ed Truitt, Kenny Rose, and Carol Bitzberger.

The minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting were made available to all members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Ken Rose and seconded by Ed Truitt. The motion was carried. Note: The August meeting was cancelled.

The letter to the Commissioners to inform them on where the Environmental Board plans to place NJDEP Hotline stickers and to keep the Board up to date on Grants for the Playground and the Amasas Landing's bulkhead was included. This letter will be emailed to the mayor and the township clerk.

The status, of trying to get help from the NJ jail system was updated. Because Bass River Township is not a part of the NJ Imaging system we do not qualify for inmate cleanup. It was proposed that we give this info to Gary Smith, who works for the Bass River Department of Public Works, to see if he can obtain any information about what the NJ Imaging system is.

The Environmental Committee agreed to follow the progress of the complaint on the removal of vegetation complaint Dated May 1, 2014 concerning the removal of trees and vegetation from wetlands. This concerns Block 57, Lot 35.02 (81). Code Enforcement for Bass River Township did visit the site but cannot go onto the property to investigate the complaint until word is received from the Pineland's Commission.

An article to the Bass River Monthly on the NJDEP Hotline telephone number is still in progress.

Henry Gomez presented an award to a member of the Bass River Club at the elementary school. Ginny Taylor had requested someone on the Environmental board to present the award.

The Board of Commissioners is working on grants for a public boat ramp at the end of Amasas Landing road and a path around the playground. The Environmental Commission would like to be kept up to date on the progress of these two items and this request was included in our letter to the Mayor.

Three copies of Complaints to the Burlington County Health Department on the odor of Styrene Gas were reviewed. The Board decided to begin to keep a record of how many complaints are being received and to follow up with the board of Commissioners on what can be done about this situation, should it continue.

A Copy of a Request for a Storm Water Construction Permit to the Burlington County Conservation District from Viking Yacht and a copy of the approved permit were reviewed and no action is warranted so this will be filed in the Environmental cabinet.

A Copy of a request for a CAFRA Individual Minor Modification from Viking Yacht, dated June 12, 2014, NJDEP file No. 0301-04-007.1 CAF13001 was reviewed. The Board will follow the progress of this permit application.

The topic of disbanding the Environmental Commission was again discussed. The board brought up that we try and do things to help the Environment but since we have no power all we can do is advise and hope that the Board of Commissions and the Planning Board will make the correct decisions for the welfare of Bass River Township. It was agreed that if the Environmental Commission is concerned about a specific topic, we will list our concerns in a formal letter to the appropriate department. It was decided not to disband at this time.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:20 pm. There were no specific comments made from the public. The public comment section was closed at 8:22 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:25 p.m. by Ed Truitt and seconded by Ken Rose.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,

Carol A. Bitzberger
Secretary of the Environmental Commission