

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2014

Ed Truitt and Henry Gomez were sworn in by the Bass River Township Mayor Deborah Busby-Cope to renew their terms on the Environmental Commission. Ken Rose will be sworn in at the next Environmental Meeting.

The October 8, 2014 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by President, Ed Truitt, and opened with the flag salute.

Ed Truitt reported 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, Henry Gomez, and Carol Bitzberger.

The minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting were made available to all members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Ed Truitt and seconded by Henry Gomez. The motion was carried. Note: September meeting was cancelled.

It was agreed that a letter to the Commissioners be sent, via email, to the Secretaries of the Board of Commissions and the Planning Board to inform them of the eight styrene gas complaints filed with the NJDEP and the Burlington County that were received within the last two months. The Environmental Commission is concerned with the number of complaints.

The status, of trying to get help from the NJ jail system was updated. Gary Smith, Director of Bass River Public works, will try to contact them. It was brought up that this might be a Beautification Club project. It was also suggested that we look into the project of adopting a road.

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

The Cleaning up of the Environmental Commission filing cabinets can be cleaned up and excess files moved to the Bass River Storage Building on E. Greenwich Road.

The following correspondence was reviewed and discussed:

- 1) Copy of Letter from the Evergreen Environmental, LLC, dated July 25, 2014, requesting a Freshwater General Permit 16 Habitat Creation and Enhancement for Block 2, Lots 16, 18 & 23 in Bass River Township.

Purpose: Enhancement and Restoration of degraded wetland habitats

- a) No action by the Environmental Commission

- 2) Copy of a letter, dated August 4, 2014 from Pinelands issuing a *Certificate of Filing* to Evergreen Environmental, LLC that wants local & county agencies to review permit for Enhancement and Restoration of degraded wetland habitats before approval from Pinelands is given.
 - a) No action by the Environmental Commission
- 3) Eight new copies of complaints concerning the odor of styrene gas in Bass River Township
 - a. It was agreed that a letter to the Commissioners be sent, via email, to the Secretaries of the Board of Commissions and the Planning Board to inform them of the eight styrene gas complaints filed with the NJDEP and the Burlington County that were received within the last two months. The Environmental Commission is concerned with the number of complaints.
- 4) Copy of a Proposed Viking Marina Entrance Sign Location, dated 7/25/2014
 - a. No Action and notice will be filed.
- 5) Copy of an Application for a Waterfront Development Permit and Tidelands License, Block 52, Lot 18B Bass River Township. Includes Dock, Bulkhead, and Boat Lift.
 - a. No Action because this is in review with the NJDEP
- 6) Copy of Approval from Pinelands Commission, dated August 25, 2024, for a Septic System Permit for Block 57.
 - a. No action as this should go before the planning board for final approval.
- 7) Copy of a letter from the Pinelands, dated August 18, 2014, regarding the cutting of trees on a lot located in Bass River Township. The Pinelands Letter informs that local approval is needed for this activity and Code Enforcement needs to review this activity.
 - a. Contact Amanda Somers to track the status of this activity.
- 8) Copy of a Letter from the Pinelands Commission, dated August 4, 2014, issuing a *Certificate of Filing* to New Jersey Gas for the laying of Pipe. No development can take place until local approval by Bass River Township has occurred.
 - a. At the meeting it was noted that local approval had not been received. Will monitor activity.
- 9) Letter dated, September 2, 2014, that provides legal notification that NJ Natural Gas has applied to the NJDEP for approval of a CAFRA/Waterfront Development Individual

Permit Application No. 0301-14-0003.1, Letter was addressed specifically to the Environmental Commission.

- a. No Action and notice will be filed.

10) Letter from Pinelands, dated September 22, 2014, to New Jersey Natural Gas giving approval for laying gas lines.

- a. At the meeting it was brought up that local approval had not been received. Will monitor and find out when approval is received.

11) Copies of the 'INSIDE THE PINELANDS and the Pinelands Preservation Alliance were received and available for review.

- a. Comment came up that it would be nice if we could begin to attend some of these meetings to educate us more on environmental issues.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:25 pm. There were no specific comments made from the public. The public comment section was closed at 8:32 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:35 p.m. by Ed Truitt and seconded by Henry Gomez.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,

Carol A. Bitzberger
Secretary of the Environmental Commission