

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2015

The August 12, 2015 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by President, Ed Truitt.

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, Carol Bitzberger, and Ben Wurst.

The minutes of the July 8, 2015 meeting was 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.

Last month's Planning Board Meeting was cancelled, so there was no report.

The ANJEC Workshop – *High Performing Environmental Commissions* – and '*Grants*' was agreed to keep on the agenda. No word has been received yet about the ANJEC Workshop.

Correspondence Received and Addressed:

- Oath of Office was signed by Ben Wurst and the Secretary will forward to Amanda Somes.
- Copy of a complaint received from the Burlington Health Department from the NJDEP concerning odors in the Viking yacht area. The NJDEP was called and they forwarded the information to the Burlington County Board of Health on 6/25/2015. Received by Bass River Township on 7/21/2015.
 - This was discussed and again the Environmental Board will track the number of complaints.
- Letter from the Pinelands Commission announcing a new round of permanent land preservation grants for the Pinelands Conservation Fund (PCF). Letter is dated August 7, 2015.
 - No Action.

The Proposed letter to the Mayor and Commissioners was reviewed as well as a sample of a proposed Resolution for Bass River to undertake to prohibit 'Transportation' gas pipelines in our township as well as to oppose the Proposed Natural Gas 'Transportation' Pipeline through

Burlington County and Ocean County, and the Proposed South Jersey 'Transportation' pipeline through Cape May and Cumberland counties going through the Pinelands. A motion to accept the letter and send it was made by Carol Bitzberger. It was seconded by Ben Wurst. All approved the motion. It was suggested that a sentence be added to ask that this topic be brought up at the next Township meeting, on September 14th. This letter also contains the Environmental Commission's concerns on Cramer's Junk Yard and the maintenance of Amassas Landing Road, if and when the Bulkhead and boat ramp are reconstructed. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

Another topic that was discussed was the addition of trees to the playground. This would not only be for aesthetic value, but would also help prevent soil erosion in low areas. All members agreed that this would be a good idea, and will be further discussed at future meetings, including designing plans, possibly looking into grants, pricing etc.

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:55. Bill Aaronson said he supported the position for Bass River to pass a resolution to prohibit the installation of Transportation Gas Pipelines.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:10 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:15p.m., by Henry Gomez and seconded by Ben Wurst.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,

Carol A. Bitzberger
Secretary of the Environmental Commission