

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 8, 2015**

The July 8, 2015 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:08 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, Ben Wurst and Ken Rose.

The minutes of the June 10, 2015 meeting was made available to all members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Henry Gomez and seconded by Ben Wurst. The motion was carried.

Henry Gomes gave a report of last month's Planning Board Meeting.

The ANJEC Workshop – *High Performing Environmental Commissions* – and '*Grants*' was agreed to keep it on the agenda, so they are not overlooked. .

Correspondence Received and Addressed:

- 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 5/21/2015. Received by Bass River Township on 6/25/2015.
  - The Environmental Board will keep track of the number of complaints received. Again, by the time someone comes out to test the odors, the odor is gone.
- Copy of a report filed with the Burlington County Board of Health that originated with a complaint from Amanda Somes, on 5/12/2014 about trash and garbage on 116 Jericho Road in Bass River Township. After a year, 5/19/2015, the issue was taken care of.
  - A Bass River resident will call and follow up, and see if trash cans will be placed on the bridge.
- Copy of a request by Viking Yacht for a CAFRA Individual Permit Minor Modification Application, dated June 22, 2015.
  - No Action. In the hands of the NJDEP.

- Copy of an Application from Atlantic City Electric for Multi-Permit Geotechnical Activities, date June 11, 2015. Includes NJDEP Coastal Permit 27, Freshwater Wetlands General Permit, No. 12, Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit, Waterfront Development Permit, Coastal Wetlands Permit, 401 Water Quality Certification, and Coastal Zone Management Consistency Determination. Counties Included are Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem Counties.
  - No Action. This will be handled by the appropriate agencies. A question did come up about the size of the electric poles and the possible damage to human health.
  
- Notice of Atlantic City Electric Application, dated June 11, 2015, to all Municipal and County Officials. It includes Names and addresses of organizations, if there are concerns on the proposed geotechnical borings or geotechnical investigations that will be taking place.
  - No Action
  
- Copy of the '*Inside the Pinelands' Bulletin*, June/July 2015 Volume 22 Number 4, Published by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. Deals specifically with the preservation of the Pinelands and not allowing Gas Companies through the Pinelands area.
  - Question was raised as to the possible effects of Transportation gas pipelines going through communities as well as the present proposal for the Southern Reliability Link by NJNG that will run through Burlington County. The Board decided to write a letter to the Commissioners about this situation and will propose that the town adopt a Resolution against future Transportation Gas Pipelines, involving any community in Burlington County. This letter will be reviewed at the Environmental Commission's August meeting.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:15. There were questions and concerns on the status of Cramer's Junk Yard. Cramer's is currently reapplying for their license to continue operation. It was pointed out that Cramer's is waiting to pass the water tests being conducted. It was brought up that they currently keeping vehicles and junk outside of the junk yard gate which should not be allowed. It was decided by the board to include this in the letter that we will be sending to the Commissioners on the Gas Pipelines currently being proposed in Burlington County.

Question was also raised concerning Amasas Landing Road and the building and restructuring of the boat ramp. Although this would be a great addition in Bass River Township, the question

arises as to who will keep it cleaned up. The question will also be included in the letter to the commissioners.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:45 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:50p.m. by Ed Truitt and seconded by Ben Wurst.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,

Carol A. Bitzberger  
Secretary of the Environmental Commission