

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 9, 2015**

The September 9, 2015 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Ben Wurst. Ed Truitt was going to be late so he asked Ben Wurst to chair the meeting.

Ben Wurst reported the Environmental Commission is being held in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" and the Open Public Meetings Act.

The following members were present: Carol Bitzberger, and Ben Wurst, and Ken Rose. Ed Truitt joined us later in the meeting.

The minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting was made available to all members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Carol Bitzberger and seconded by Ben Wurst. The motion was carried.

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

There was a large crowd in attendance at the Environmental meeting. We opened the public portion of the meeting at this time to allow people to speak up. There were residents from Bass River and other surrounding towns and gun clubs to bring to our attention that Wharton State Forest had been closing roads without any warning. We informed the people we would listen but that this is the first we have heard of this incident. We also told them that the NJDEP would be at the Commissioners' meeting on September 14,, 2015, and that should be a meeting to also attend. After everyone had a chance to speak, we resumed the regular meeting.

Correspondence Received and Addressed:

- Copy of an application from the NJDEP concerning an Agricultural Water use Application in the matter of Wading River Cranberries LLC. Application No. BU0074 is to divert water from one existing and two new stream intakes in Washington Twp. And Burlington County.
  - No Action
- Copy of an Individual Waterfront Development Permit/Water Quality Certificate/Coastal Wetlands Permit dated August 17, 2015 to dredge a man-made lagoon to an existing residential dock. The address is 39 Robinson Road.
  - No Action at this time
- Four Copies of Complaints from the Burlington County Board of Health forwarded to Bass River Township concerning odors coming from Viking Yacht.

- Environmental Commission will keep track of number of complaints.
- Copy of a Complaint from the Burlington County Board of Health forwarded to Bass River Township concerning the Illegal removal of leaking UST.
  - This issue was handled by the Board of Health and resolved.
- Copy of a Complaint from the Burlington County Board of Health forwarded to Bass River Township concerning the possible unapproved food vending at Viking Yacht.
  - Issue was resolved. Food vending at Viking Yacht was approved.
- Copy of a Complaint from the Burlington County Board of Health forwarded to Bass River Township concerning the Pool and water park being green, at the Atlantic City North Campground Pool.
  - Board of Health came down and resolved issue.
- Aug/Sept 2015 Volume 22 Number 5, Pinelands Preservation Alliance Bulletin – Main topic is ‘Step the Rush to Build Pipelines in NJ.
  - It was mention again that the Environmental Commission had forwarded a letter to the Commissions and included a proposed resolution for Bass River Township to adopt a resolution to prohibit transportation gas pipelines in Bass River Township. If the commissioners do not bring it up it will be asked by an Environmental Member.

- **New Environmental Topics or Concern**

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:05 and closed at 7:45. This was for the public to present information on the Wharton State Forest.

There were no public members present to open the meeting to the public again.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:29p.m., by Ken Rose and seconded by Ben Wurst.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,

Carol A. Bitzberger  
Secretary of the Environmental Commission