

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**May 8, 2013**

The May meeting of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:04 P.M. and opened with the flag salute.

Helen Hazard read the "Sunshine Law" in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope administered the Oath of Office to Henry Bourguignon, who will serve as a regular member of the Environmental Commission.

The following members were present: Helen Hazard, Henry Bourguignon, Ken Rose, Ed Truitt, Carol Bitzberger, and Henry Gomez.

The minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting were read by Ms. Hazard. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Ed Truitt and seconded by Henry Bourguignon. The motion was carried.

Correspondence was reviewed and discussed.

There was discussion among the members regarding changing the By-Laws. The consensus of the members was that the By-Laws should not be changed. A vote was taken with all members being in agreement. Mayor Buzby-Cope was then asked to have Township Attorney Joanne L. O'Connor not to pursue the matter any further.

The matter of a letter and map from Lomax Consulting Group to the Office of Planning Advocacy, regarding Viking Yachts Facility Expansion was discussed. Mayor Buzby-Cope advised there are rules and regulations which they must abide by, and they have only a certain amount of land. Helen Hazard mentioned that the letter is in the preliminary stages only and that Bass River Township was CCd. It was decided before discussing it any further, to wait until plans reach us for consideration.

The mayor advised she will be meeting with Viking this week to see where they are going with this. A suggestion was made for members to possibly take a tour of Viking, if feasible. Mayor Buzby-Cope will ask when visiting.

The meeting was opened to the Public. Discussed were concerns with Viking and what effect they may have on the environment and marshlands, possible dredging to accommodate the larger boats, the increase in employees, and the increase in commuter traffic in that area of Route 9. Comment was made that there are laws in place to protect the environment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. was made by Ken Rose and seconded by Ed Truitt.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true.

Henry Gomez

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Gomez". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name and title.

Acting Secretary