

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

July 10, 2013

The July meeting of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. and opened with the flag salute.

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

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

The minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting were made available to the members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Henry Bourguignon and seconded by Carol Bitzberger. The motion was carried.

Correspondence was received from Ginny Taylor, advisor of the Young Naturalist Club, Bass River Elementary School thanking Chairman Helen Hazard of the Environmental Commission for presenting the "Making a Difference Naturally Award" at its graduation ceremony on June 20th. (Note on file.)

After the graduation, Ms. Taylor was asked if she would consider being a guest speaker at one of our ECAB meetings. Her response was one of enthusiasm, and she would be happy to do so in the next school year.

Helen Hazard gave an update on tours at Viking. She advised that she had been in contact with Human Resources and currently, group tours are cancelled. The only tours possibly given at this time is to prospective buyers.

The meeting then moved on to new business. Land Use Application of 53 North Maple Avenue, Block 57, Lot 31 - David G. Garrison, a request for hardship variance was discussed. (Application on file)

The Lomax Consulting Group, LLC, NJDEP CAFRA Individual Permit Application, Block 26, Lots 2 and 8 - Viking Yacht Company letter to the Township of Bass River dated June 27, 2013 was discussed. The members of the Environmental Commission need further definition of "node", along with a request for an extension beyond the 15 days upon receipt of the letter, as noted, to submit written comments to NJDEP. (Letter and Application on file.)

A motion was made for the chairman to send two separate letters to the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners in advance of the July 22, 2013, 7 p.m., Special meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners, at the Bass River

Elementary School, 11 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, NJ. The purpose of the first letter is to request further definition of the term "node" and to press the Office for Planning Advocacy to extend the July 29, 2013 date for written comments. The second letter is requesting the commissioners to grant a July 24, 2013, "Special Meeting" of the Environmental Commission Advisory Board for the purpose to discuss the outcome of the upcoming Special Meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners scheduled for July 22, 2013 and to be in position for written comment, prior to the July 29, 2013 cut-off date presently imposed by the Director of the Office for Planning Advocacy regarding a map amendment in Bass River Township. The motion was made by Henry Gomez and seconded by Ken Rose. The motion was carried. (Letters on file.)

The chairman read Public Notice, Bass River Township, Special Meeting. The date is set for Monday, July 22, 2013 at 7 p.m. for the purpose of holding the public information meeting with SNJ, Department of State, Office for Planning Advocacy pertaining to creation of a manufacturing node on 65 acres, including part of Block 26, Lots 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 7 and 8. The meeting is to be held at the Bass River Elementary School, 11 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, NJ. (Notice on file.)

The meeting was then opened to the public. Public comment centered around Viking Yacht Company's NJDEP CAFRA Individual Permit Application. Questions arose regarding the definition of node, the possible effect it may have on the governing bodies of the Township of Bass River, and if the State Planning Commission were to amend the State Plan Policy Map by adopting the "node", would the governing bodies of Bass River Township lose local control.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M. was made by Henry Gomez and seconded by Ed Truitt. The motion carried, and the meeting stood adjourned.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true.

Henry Gomez

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Gomez", written over the printed name and title.

Acting Secretary