

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2013

The September 11, 2013 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:06 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, Ed Truitt, Carol Bitzberger, and Henry Gomez.

The mayor, Deborah Busby-Cope, attended the meeting to swear in Henry Bourguignon from an alternate to a permanent member of the Environmental Commission.

A reorganization of the Environmental Commission also took place. Helen Hazard announced her resignation as Chairman of the Environmental Commission, due to personal reasons. At this time Ms. Hazard was thanked for the excellent work she did as Chairman of the Environmental Committee, and that all meetings held under her were always very professional and well organized.

Deborah Busby-Cope appointed Edwin Truitt as the new Chairman of the Environmental Commission. Everyone agreed he would be a good choice as the new Chairman. Carol Bitzberger agreed to be Secretary of the Commission.

The meeting continued with Ed Truitt as the new Chairman and Helen Hazard assisting.

The minutes of the August 14, 2013 meeting were made available to the members. There was a question brought up by a member about the wording of the Bass River Township Code Enforcement Complaint Report dated August 12, 2013 from William Aaronson. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Henry Bourguignon and seconded by Carol Bitzberger. The motion was carried.

A copy of a letter dated September 12, 2013 written to the Bass River Land Use Board regarding a Waterfront Development Individual Permit Application, Block 69, Lots 15A & 15B, Bass River Township, Burlington County, N.J. We do not have any environmental concerns, but it was brought up that outdated satellite pictures were used in the application.

A proposal to change the By-Laws was brought up by Carol Bitzberger to add an addendum to insure the Environmental Commission could request special meetings to address specifically identified issues if the topic demanded additional discussion. It was pointed out by the mayor that changes to our By-Laws has to be presented to the Commissioners' Lawyer, which involves funds from Bass River Township. This was discussed and it was decided that an addendum is not needed as the Environmental Commission can call a special meeting if it is warranted.

The Chairman then announced the following correspondence that was received and was filed in the Bass River Municipal Office:

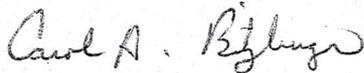
- Pinelands Preservation Alliance pamphlet, August-September 2013, Issue 66
- Pinelands Preservation Alliance pamphlet, August/Sept. 2013, Volume 2, Number 5
- Letter from Unknown Source to Environmental Commission, dated 8-1-13, post-marked August 9, 2013. This was discussed by the Board and a decision was made to file the letter and will not follow up, as the letter was sent anonymously. A formal complaint should have been filed with the Municipal Office.

A letter of legal notification dated August 15, 2013 from Andrew Anderson and copied to the Municipal Environmental Agency, re: Waterfront Development Individual Permit Application, Block 69, Lots 15A & 15B, Bass River Township, Burlington County, NJ., was reviewed by the Environmental Commission. It was decided that there were no environmental concerns, but Mr. Bourguignon, brought up the fact that the satellite maps included were not correct. The Commission wrote a letter to the Land Use Board informing them that even though we do not have any environmental concerns, it was brought up that outdated satellite pictures were used in the application.

There were no public comments made at this meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:42.

I hereby certify these meetings to be true,



Carol A. Bitzberger
Secretary of the Environmental Commission