

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2013

The November 13, 2013 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:02 P.M. and opened with the flag salute.

Ed Truitt said 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, Kenny Rose, and Carol Bitzberger.

The minutes of the October 9, 2013 meeting were made available to the members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Kenny Rose and seconded by Carol Bitzberger. The motion was carried.

A Summary of the Planning Board meeting was not addressed as the liaison was not in attendance.

The Chairman reported to the Board that he had spoken to the Mayor on the following issues:

- Could signs be posted in visible areas within the Township to display to residents the Hot Line number for the NJDEP if other incidents of hazardous material and toxic odors occur? The NJDEP Hotline number (1-877-WARNDEP) is now located on the Bass River Township internet site and on the bulletin board in the Bass River Township office.

It was proposed by the Board that the NJDEP be contacted to inquire about pre-made signs that might be able to be displayed in various locations. Carol Bitzberger will call the NJDEP to find out about signs.

- Whether the 52 Ishmeal Road anonymous letter needed to be investigated? The mayor said that they have a permit for the construction of 2 houses on that property, and that is why materials are piled up on the property.

There were several letters received by the Environmental Board which were introduced by the Chairman and were read and discussed by Board members. They included:

- A Copy of a letter addressed to Nancy Wittenberg, Executive Director of the Pinelands Commission, concerning the NJDEP's decision to change the Forest Management Area into a 'Manufacturing node.
- Copy of a Request from Viking to Bass River Township for a Public Hearing from the Planning/Zoning Board to obtain Approval for Site Expansion and a Variance of Height.
- A Copy of a letter dated October 27, 2013 which was sent to Mr. Chris Brower, Chairman of the Bass River Planning Board, concerning Viking Yacht applying to the NJDEP for a permit to expand and raise the height of building on site.
- A Copy of a letter dated November 2, 2013 to Mr. Chris Brower, Chairman of the Bass River Planning Board, concerning the Viking Yacht request for a public hearing for their site expansion plans and a request for a height variance.

The Environmental Board was concerned about safety issues, environmental concerns, and many unanswered questions and requested the Environmental Board write a letter to the Planning Board asking them to **completely** research this situation before any hearings or permits are issued. A copy of this letter was also to be sent to the Board of Commissioners.

There were no public members in attendance at this meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:05 p.m.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,

Carol A. Biljuz