

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES January 8, 2014

The January 8, 2014 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, Carol Bitzberger and Henry Gomez.

The minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting were made available to the members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Kenny Rose and seconded by Henry Gomez. The motion was carried.

The first order of action was to correct a statement in the November 13th minutes that was incorrect. It concerned the 52 Ishmeal Road anonymous letter, which the Environmental Committee followed up. The original sentence in the minutes was *"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."* The sentence was changed to: *"The mayor said that they have a permit for the construction of 2 houses on two separate lots, and a permit allows for the storage of construction materials as long as the permit is up-to-date."*

The summary of an article for the Bass River Newsletter concerning the NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program, an ambassador attended the December Environmental Meeting, was read and approved for submittal to the Bass River Newsletter.

The board also decided to use the Watershed Ambassadors Program to learn how to test the water in creeks and streams. The secretary will contact Steve Luell and set up a date. The date will be the evening of a board meeting and will be publicized for anyone to attend.

The making of signs, for the NJDEP Hotline, was again discussed and the secretary was asked to call and see if we can copy the logo they have on their site. Discussion will continue next month.

The cleaning up of roads in Bass River Township was again discussed and it was brought up that a better solution might be to get prisoners from minimum security to help. It was noted that many surrounding towns use this program. Additional information needs be pursued to see if this can be arranged in Bass River Township. This will be coordinated with Gary Smith.

The topic of the Southern Pine Beetle in Bass River was looked into. There was no formal report made to the Commissioners and Bass River does not seem to have a problem with this beetle right now. The Environmental Board will be on the look-out and discuss remedial action should the beetle return.

The following correspondence was received and read review by the Environmental Board:

- Letter received from The Nature Conservancy, dated December 17, 2013, to transfer 400.4 acres at the Oswego River Preserve to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Public hearing will be held at Bass River Town Hall on January 22, 2014 at 6pm. Letter was read, no action taken and will be filed in the Bass River Town Hall.
- Copy of Resolution 2014-08-Contains Meeting dates for the Environmental Commission for the year 2014. Resolution was read and committee agreed with the resolution.
- Letter from the New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company – No date – Letter received 1/8/2014. This involved the safety of the New Gretna Fire Department. The items included in the letter were discussed, but the board agreed this was in the hands of the Land Use Board to address.

- Letter from Dixon Associates Engineering, LLC to Ms. Elizabeth Godfrey, Secretary of Planning/Zoning Board accompanying revised plans requested by the Planning Board at its November 21, 2013 meeting. Letter is dated January 6, 2014. Again, all material was reviewed and discussed but the Environmental Commission had already sent a letter to the planning board of their concerns.
- Additional Materials (Maps) Accompanying the Letter from Dixon Associates Engineering, LLC dated January 6, 2014:
 - 3 maps for **Infill Buildings For Viking Yacht Company**
 - 3 maps for **Site Plan for Viking Yacht Company**
 - 1 map **‘Legend’** showing fire truck paths

All of the materials were reviewed and will be filed in the Bass River Town Hall.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:51. There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:52 p.m. A motion was made by Kenny Rose and seconded by Henry Gomez.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,

Carol A. Bitzberger
Secretary of the Environmental Commission