

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2014

The February 12, 2014 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:06 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 January 8, 2014 meeting were made available to the members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Kenny Rose and seconded by Ed Truitt. The motion was carried.

A summary of the January Planning Board meeting was given by Ken Rose as Henry Gomez was absent. Again, the main topic of conversation involved the resolutions Viking submitted as the board had requested. There was no vote by the members of the planning board for the preliminary permit as all items had not been resolved by Viking. Concerns for the safety of the volunteer firemen was also brought up and questioned in the public comment section.

The status of the NJDEP Hotline signs was again discussed. The NJDEP had been contacted and to use their logo would require us to apply for permission by sending them a copy of the sign, explain why and where we would locate the signs. The Board decided not to pursue this route, and because the NJDEP had sent the Environmental Board copies of window stickers for environmental incidents, the board decided to try this approach. Possible locations discussed were Amasas Land Road, Wading River Bridge, Post Office, and Bass River Town Hall. This will continue to be discussed at the next Environmental meeting.

The status of the Burlington County Inmate Cleanup for Bass River included a copy of a letter that was sent to the Burlington County Freeholders. This was read and to date there was no response. The secretary was asked to follow up on this issue.

The date for the NJ Watershed to instruct the environmental board on how to test water in Bass River's streams and creeks has been set up for May 14th. Two sites were proposed for testing. They include the end of Amasas Landing road by the boat ramp, and a creek located on route 9, close to entrance to the Garden State Parkway.

It was also requested that we contact Steve Luell to find out additional information on what tests we will conducting. The secretary will make the contact.

A board member brought in a newspaper article about the southern Pine Beetle that has invaded the Pinelands. In summary, the cold weather we have experienced this year will help to control the pine beetle population.

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

- A report, dated January 29, 2014 From Kluk Consultants Re: Kaszuba & Sons Recycling - Monitoring well report. Kluk Consultants report that all monitoring wells meet NJ Drinking Water Standards. VAL Associates Laboratory, Inc. conducted the water test. This report was read and discussed by the board. Since the wells meet the water standards no action is taken and the report is to be filed in the Bass River Town Hall.
- Application for a Waterfront Development Permit, Coastal Wetland Permit & Freshwater Wetlands General Permit No. 20
Block 54, Lot 21, 26, 27, &34
Bass River Township, Burling County, NJ
The application is to the Burlington County Supervisor NJDEP, Division of Land Use Regulation. This report was read and discussed. Since the application is being made to the NJDEP and the results will be sent to the Bass River Municipal Clerk, the board will wait for these results. The secretary will contact our town clerk to ask that any results be forwarded to the Environmental Commission.

It was brought up at the meeting that it might be a good idea to take time and look for grants that may be available to help the environment of Bass River. This will be an ongoing activity and any results will be brought up at future meetings.

There were no members of the public in attendance at this meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:45 p.m. by Ed Truitt and seconded by Ken Rose.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,

Carol A. Bitzberger
Secretary of the Environmental Commission