

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2014

The April 9, 2014 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:05 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, Henry Gomez, and Carol Bitzberger.

The minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting were made available to all members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Henry Gomez and seconded by Ed Truitt. The motion was carried.

It was decided to place the NJDEP 'Hotline stickers on the playground, New Gretna Post Office, the Town Hall and the Wading River Fishing Bridge. This will continue to be discussed at our next meeting.

The status, of trying to get help from the NJ jail system, to clean roads is still in progress. We still have not heard from Lt. Calewchi at 609-292-4036, ext. 5444, who is in charge of the inmate clean-up program.

Attendance of several board members being able to attend the May meeting was presented, and since there were no outstanding issues, the meeting was cancelled. The testing of water by Steve Luell will be rescheduled for June.

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

- Copy of a Styrene Gas Complaint submitted to the Burlington County Board of Health, dated 2/27/20. The commission will monitor future complaints. Letters were sent to the Board of Commissioners and Planning Board advising them that further investigation should be undertaken before decisions are made that could harm the environment of Bass River Township.
- Copy of a request for Waiver, dated 3/26/2014, for 29 North Maple for a larger mobile home. The Commission did not see any environmental effects, so no action was taken.
- *'Inside the Pinelands'* publication – Important story on the Pinelands being preserved, where the South Jersey Gas company wanted to lay pipelines across

the lands that were in the Pinelands. This was provided to the board for information.

- *ANJEC* announcement for ‘Developing and Implementing a Local Energy Savings Plan’. Monday, May 5th in Winslow Township. This was provided to the board for information.

The Board of Commissioners is working on grants for a public boat ramp at the end of Amasas Landing road and a path around the playground. No new suggestions came up.

It was suggested by Carol Bitzberger that a poster be designed and sent to the Month Bass River Newsletter. This will be worked on.

A letter from the solicitor of Bass River Township, dated March 25, 2014, was received and read at the Environmental meeting, in response to the Environmental Commissioner’s letter, dated March 17th, addressing concern over the building lot coverage and the official complaints filed for the smell of Styrene gas at Viking Yachts. The board concluded that this really was a ‘waste’ of resources and tax money to pay a solicitor to answer our letter. This could have been resolved by a meeting, phone call or email by one of the Commissioners. The board agreed to write a letter addressing this issue.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:40 pm. Concern was raised about the letter from the Solicitor of Bass River Township. Concern was also raised again about the odor of Styrene gas.. The board will keep a record of complaints received and the action that is taken. The public comment section was closed at 8:45 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:47 p.m. by Henry Gomez and seconded by Ed Truitt.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,

Carol A. Bitzberger
Secretary of the Environmental Commission