

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2014

The June 11, 2014 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:10 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, Kenny Rose, and Carol Bitzberger.

The minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting were made available to all members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Ed Truitt and seconded by Ed Truitt. The motion was carried. Note: The May meeting was cancelled.

A letter will be written to inform the Board of Commissioners where the Environmental DEP Hotline stickers would like to be placed. This is in progress.

The status, of trying to get help from the NJ jail system, to clean roads is still in progress. The Commission is waiting for Lt. Calewchi to get back to us.

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

- 2 Copies of a letter from the Pinelands Commission Dated May 1, 2014 concerning the removal of trees and vegetation from wetlands. This concerns Block 57, Lot 35.02 (81)
 - The Environmental Commission will follow up on this issue with the Code Enforcement Officer.
- Copy of a Permit from the NJDEP for Construction of a dock and ramp on 12 Riverside Drive, dated April 23, 2014
 - No Action.
- Copy of an Application for a Permit from Atlantic City Electric to the NJDEP to conduct regulated maintenance, rebuild and upgrade activities on properties, dated May2, 2014
 - No Action.
- A copy of "*Inside the Pinelands*" Bulletin April/May Issue

- No Action
- Copy of a letter from KLUK Consultants, dated May 27, 2014 on the testing of potable wells for Pilgrim Lake Campgrounds. Wells were reported to meet Safe Drinking Water Standards
 - No Action since Kluk Consultants has reported the wells are Safe.
- Copy of a Letter, dated June 9, 2014, from ARH Associates, Inc., that concerns the NJ Natural Gas Company submitting an application for a CAFRA/Waterfront Development Individual Permit – Permit for proposed directional drill alignment and direct bury (trenching over the Bass River)
 - No Action but the Environmental Committee will follow this issue. Believe a permit is needed from Bass River Township before constructions
- Copy of Pinelands Bulletin June/July Issue (Article on Pinelands Commission voting ‘No’ on Natural Gas running lines through the Pinelands acreage).
 - No Action, but Environmental Commission will monitor where gas lines are proposed for Bass River Township, and permits issued.

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. The Environmental Commission is following this.

It was suggested by Carol Bitzberger that a poster be designed and sent to the Monthly Bass River Newsletter. This is still being worked on.

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.

The Bass River Elementary School, Ginny Taylor, requested a representative from the Environmental Commission present an award to a student that was involved in the Young Naturalist. Henry Gomez will present the award. The Commission was pleased to be asked.

The issue was brought up by a member of the Board as to whether the Environmental Commission should be disbanded. Arguments for both sides were presented, and this concern will be brought up at future meetings.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:42. A member in the audience met with a NJ Water Ambassador, and summarized the testing that was conducted at the beginning of the Bass River, on Leektown Road. Samples were taken back to the lab, and results will be forwarded. The meeting was closed to the public at 8:50

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:51 p.m. by Kenny Rose and seconded by Ed Truitt.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,

Carol A. Bitzberger
Secretary of the Environmental Commission