CALL TO ORDER
Tancredi called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM in the Owen Conference Room of the Bernards Township Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975.

FLAG SALUTE
All those assembled saluted the flag.

ROLL CALL
Present: Kelly, Bianchi, Tancredi, Engdahl, Crane, Xu, McNally
Absent: Mastrangelo
All so Present: Aiden Murry, Connor Breault, Shane Holcomb, Mary Murray, Todd Edelstein, Jack Gray and Erica Rossettei (AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador, Raritan Headwater Ass.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Bianchi second by Crane, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2017. All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS
Tancredi reported on a tree permit approved for 701 Martinsville Road.

NEW BUSINESS
• Year-end Report—Engdahl will circulate a draft and present a final report at the March meeting.
  • Development Applications
    • Carney -57 Berkeley Circle; Block 2101, Lot 11, Fence height in front yard; pool not located behind rear building line of existing residential structure on adjoining lots
      No environmental concerns.
    • Calise -40 Sunnybrook Road; Block 1002 Lot 8, Lot coverage, Rear yard setback
      (900 sqft deck 500 sqft covered)
      No environmental concerns
    • Kanofsky -18 stone Creek Lane; Block 5801, Lot 10, Construction of inground pool not behind rear building lines of existing dwelling, existing lot size, width, coverage & improbable area deviations
      Environmental Commission notes the presence of freshwater wetlands and a surface water body on/near the property. As such, the Environmental Commission would like to confirm that the presence of a riparian buffer has been properly assessed. The NJDEP provides an applicability determination procedure at N.J.A.C. 7:13-2.5, if there is any uncertainty.

      The Environmental Commission would like to reiterate that discharging pool water can have an adverse effect to natural waterways and wetlands from a water quantity (flooding, erosion) and quality (presence of pool chemicals) perspective. Best management practices
such as controlling the volume and rate of discharge and allowing at least one week from last treatment (i.e., chlorine addition) should be followed. Best management practices to protect the sensitive ecological areas (wetlands/surface water bodies) on/near the property should be implemented during any site work (sediment and erosion controls) and post-construction (organic lawn care, the protection of natural soil, vegetation, and grading in buffer zones and within the stream).

For reference:

http://www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse/fww/fww_gp08.html
http://www.nj.gov/dep/landuse/activity/sfhome.html

PUBLIC COMMENT

• Erica Rossetti from Americorps asked the committee if they would be interested in participation in the Raitan cleanup day. The committee asked her to email the EC secretary so they could check on the insurance requirements.
• Todd Eldstein congratulated Crane on his appointment to the Planning Board. He also asked for clarification on the requirements of tree removal permits.
• Jack Gray commented on the need to revise easement ordinances in our town, invasive species, the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer and the potential threat to ground water of the quarry lake.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

• Bianchi welcomed new members and thanked Engdahl and Pozner for their service as last year’s Chair and Vice Chair. She asked that the committee become more involved and knowledgeable about local environmental issues as well as issues in surrounding communities.
• Nick Xu introduced himself with a brief background.
• Andrew McNalley introduced himself with a brief background.
• Crane welcomed new members and offered his assistance with questions they may have.
• Engdahl commented on the EC’s hope to work on food composting and a zero waste plan for this year’s Charter Day.

ADJOURMENT

Motion by Kelly, second by Xu to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Meth, Secretary