CALL TO ORDER
Chairperson Ann Parsekian called the meeting to order at 7:02 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:
Ann Parsekian, Debra DeWitt, Alice Smyk, James LaMaire, Mahwish Mustafa, Joan Harris (phone)
Absent:
John Crane, John Engdahl
Also Present:
Kaitlin Cartoccio, Meeting Secretary
Todd Edelstein

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Motion to approve August 12, 2019 minutes by Debra DeWitt second by Alice Smyk. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS
Green Team: Nothing new to report. Joan Harris suggested partnering with the Green Team on the Trex bag challenge.

Tree Committee: No Report

OLD BUSINESS
Reusable Bag Update: 1,000 reusable bags have been created and distributed around Bernards Township. A flyer was created to display with all bag locations. This project may be repeated next year.

Trex Plastic Bag Update: Debra DeWitt met with Bernards Township Department of Public Works. Discussed the idea of a covered container at outdoor locations. Need more retailers to participate and to secure a weigh station.

NEW BUSINESS
a. Applications
   i. DaSILVA – ZB-19-015- B2602; L11 – 29 Dogwood

   No environmental concerns.
Bernards Township Environmental Commission

Motion by James LaMaire, seconded by Mahwish Mustafa. All in favor; motion carried.


Application is incomplete. Defer comments at this time.

Motion by Debra DeWitt, seconded by Alice Smyk. All in favor; motion carried.

b. **EC Standard Comments Discussion**

Ann Parsekian made revisions, combined several items, took out old ones, and asked Andrea Freijomil, Secretary to send them out. Asked members to look it over. Will be approved at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Todd Edelstein made comments about posting the agenda on the town website, materials of the reusable bag. He also asked about the logistics of collecting plastic bags at Pill Hill. On the topic of the reusable bags, Mahwish Mustafa commented they should have youth create PSAs about the bags.

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Ann Parsekian gave updates on several pieces of correspondence including information from Long Hill Township about Styrofoam recycling. There was discussion about the October meeting and not having one. The budget will be discussed at the November meeting. Debra Dewitt mentioned having a resolution made about plastic bags and the Trex Challenge.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by James LaMaire second by Debra Dewitt to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaitlin Cartoccio, Meeting Secretary