

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES-MARCH 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Engdahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Pozner, Tancredi, Engdahl, Crane, Bianchi (arrived 7:05)

Absent: Mastrangelo, Kelly

All so Present: Samuel Kingree, Alex Koriho, and Mike Larecchia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Engdahl, second by Pozner, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017.

All in favor; motion carried.

REPORTS

Tancredi report on a Tree Removal Permit for Society Hill. After review the permit was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Environmental Commission will purchase a banner for Charter day.
- Engdahl will speak to Bruce McArthur and Denise Szabo with regard to the Raritan Headwater stream clean up.

• **Development Applications**

- *Frenkel -19 Green Mountain Drive; Block 10401, lot 27, Bulk Variance (Swimming Pool Location)*
No comment
- *Moya- 11 Mountain Road.; Block 11401, lot 11, Minor Subdivision*
No Comment
- *Somerset County YMCA- 140 Mount Airy Road, Block 2401, Lot 6 & 7.01, Preliminary and Final Site plan for Phase, 1 Preliminary Site Plane for Phase 2*
Pozner recused herself.

The Environmental Commission notes the proposed multi-purpose turf field as part of Phase II of this project. The 2014 Application and Approval (Item #10 on the Application Rider) lists an "artificial" turf field, however the Current Amended Application list a "turf field". If the intended playing surface is to be "artificial", the Environmental Commission would like to make the Applicant aware of the website www.epa.gov/tirecrumb (Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds). This website provides the latest information on the commonly used synthetic field infill material known as tire crumb or crumb rubber. If the

intended playing surface is to be natural (grass), the Environmental Commission would like to make the Applicant aware of its website on organic lawn care (http://www.bernards.org/boards_commissions/environmental/ec_organic_lawn_care.aspx). This website provides resources to eliminate the use of synthetic lawn care products and fertilizers. It also has a link to the Township's 2008 Integrated Pest Management Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr Kingree asked for clarification on the watershed.

Mr Larecchia asked if the YMCA had received the approval for the Turf field.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

Members gave their suggestion for charter Day activities.

- Candy /gummy worms
- Hidden objects in picture (Oak tree)
- Town Passport
- Hand out “What is the role of the EC”
- Cutout off Oak Tree, Kids Place green post it notes on it with suggestions.
- Trivia game how long does it take for different types of trash to disintegrate?
- What kinds of animals live in Basking Ridge?

Engdahl told EC members of Oak Street School’s plan to start a composting project.

Motion by Engdahl second by Pozner to adjourn the meeting at 7.55 PM.

All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Meth, Secretary