



Bernards Township Environmental Commission



BERNARDS TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES-May 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ann Parsekian called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, John Crane (arrived 7:10pm), Debra DeWitt, Joan Harris (left 8:10pm), Mahwish Mustafa, and John Engdahl

Absent:

Alice Smyk and James LaMaire

Also Present:

Ridge High School Students: Owen Brady, Konstantinos Kycos, Sean Leach, Brian Hodges, Andrew Dos Santos, Asa Faherty, and Cameron Lloyd

Faris Jebara

Todd Edelstein

Vanessa Freire, Meeting Secretary

NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Motion by Ann Parsekian second by Joan Harris to nominate Mahwish Mustafa as Vice Chairperson of the Environmental Commission.

All in favor, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes by Debra DeWitt second by Ann Parsekian.

All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of April 8, 2019 approved.

REPORTS

Faris Jebara presented *Environmental Commission Dashboards and Tracking Initiatives* PowerPoint. Faris Jebara spoke about tracking plastic bags used at local supermarkets and sending out a survey to the public and local businesses regarding how many plastic bags used weekly.

Motion by Debra DeWitt second by John Crane to postpone *Environmental Commission Dashboards and Tracking Initiatives Project*. Project has been tabled for June meeting.

Joan Harris left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Development Applications**
 - a) **Applications**



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i. Knox – ZB19-008 – 415 Mountain Rd.; Block 11101-Lot 5

Ann Parsekian recused herself from discussion of application.

Comment:

No environmental concerns.

All in favor; motion carried.

Ann Parsekian returned to the meeting.

ii. Udelsman – ZB19-011 – 108 Goltra Dr. – Block 7901 – Lot 17

Comment:

No environmental concerns.

All in favor; motion carried.

iii. LCB Senior Living Holdings – 215 Mt. Airy Rd.

Hard copy was reviewed by some members towards the end of the meeting.

Application discussion scheduled for June agenda.

b) Master Plan

John Crane mentioned having township ordinances align with NJDEP's regulations, except in incidents where the township is stricter. John Crane mentioned the following:

- 1) Riparian buffers, township to check Category 1 Streams.
- 2) Updated Recharge Maps.
- 3) Maps showing parts of the town with existing storm water management/controls. versus other parts of the town that do not have controls.
- 4) Data on the capacity and program to fix existing sewer lines.

John Engdahl mentioned the following:

- 1) Pesticide uses within the town.
- 2) Update on Contaminated Sites Map within the town.
- 3) Impact of having recycling food waste facilities within the town.

Ann Parsekian mentioned the following:

- 1) Stewardship and active management of invasive species
- 2) Hazardous trees on public and private properties.
- 3) Private easements.
- 4) Lot coverage application considerations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

John Crane stated that the Millington Quarry won the case against the Quarry Advisory Task Force, whereas the Bernards Township Quarry Advisory Task Force is no longer valid.



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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by John Crane second by John Engdahl to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM.
All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Vanessa Freire, Meeting Secretary