



Bernards Township Environmental Commission



BERNARDS TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES – September 9, 2019

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.



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

ii. **BUONO** – ZB-19-016-B4801; L3 – 117 Whitenack

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