



Bernards Township Environmental Commission



BERNARDS TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES – January 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Debra DeWitt called the meeting to order at 7:20 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: Jane Conklin, Nancy Cook, John Crane, Debra DeWitt, Joan Harris, James LaMaire, Mahwish Mustafa, Alice Smyk

Absent: Ann Parsekian

Also Present: Todd Edelstein

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve December 9, 2019 minutes by John Crane second by Debra DeWitt. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS & MISCELLANEUS CORRESPONDENCE

ANJEC letter: Annual letter from ANJECT for renewing membership. The Commission agreed to table the discussion until the Chairperson was present.

ETI letter: Notification of a new application that was going to be submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Trex Challenge Update: The goal of the bench was achieved, as well as over 2,000 pounds of thin plastic material. Benches will be awarded to several departments and organizations that helped in the collection. Press release will be issued to the public talking about the challenge, bench locations, pictures, and a stop on plastic collection. There was discussion about helping residents find locations to drop off plastic and a video on what belongs in the recycling bins.

Reusable Bag Update: No update.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Year End Report

Tabled until the next meeting.

b. Applications

i. Family Realty – ZB-19-022 – B2801 L30– 288 Finley Ave

Comments will be prepared based on lack of details regarding recharge of stormwater.



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Motion by John Crane second by James LaMaire. All in favor, motion carried.

ii. Hardy – ZB-19-022 – B7301 L33 – 242 Liberty Corner Road

Application incomplete, no comments.

Motion by James LaMaire, second by John Crane. All in favor, motion carried.

iii. Aptekar -ZB-19-024 – B11004 L10 – 21 Sentry Court

No environmental concerns.

Motion by James LaMaire, second by Alice Smyk. All in favor, motion carried.

iv. Richter – ZB-19-005

Application incomplete, no comments.

Motion by Joan Harris, second by Mahwish Mustafa. All in favor, motion carried.

v. Majewski – ZB-19-02

Application incomplete, no comments.

Motion by Joan Harris, second by Mahwish Mustafa. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Edelstein welcomed the new members. Mentioned a TV show that talked about weaving plastic bags into tote bags. Also suggested the Environmental Commission should push plastic non-usage.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mahwish Mustafa talked about contacting a company that does composting for towns. She's also looking into the concept of a "Share Table" for schools where children put uneaten pre-packaged food onto a table instead of throwing it away. Nancy Cook also suggested donating it to either food pantries or to local veterans.

John Crane discussed several applications that went to the Planning Board before the Environmental Commission. He suggested better coordination for the future. There was also some discussion of plans for 5G by Verizon.



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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM. Motion by Joan Harris, second by John Crane. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaitlin Cartoccio, Meeting Secretary



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TO: Zoning Board Chairperson and Members

FROM: Deb DeWitt, Vice-Chairperson
Bernards Township Environmental Commission

DATE: January 28, 2020

RE: Application review

The Environmental Commission reviewed this application at their January 13, 2020 meeting and forwards the following comments:

1. **Family Realty** - ZB-19-022 – B2801 L30 – 288 S. Finley Ave

The Environmental Commission reviewed this application at its January 13, 2020 meeting and notes the lack of details regarding the recharge of storm water as part of the development. The recharge of storm water is required when impervious surface is increased by > 1,000 sq. ft.

2. **Hardy** – ZB-19-023 – B7301 L33 – 242 Liberty Corner Road

The Environmental Commission has no comments at this time.

3. **Aptekar** – ZB-19-024 – B11004 L10 – 21 Sentry Ct

The Environmental Commission has reviewed this application at it January 13, 2020 meeting and has no environmental concerns at this time.

4. **Richter** – ZB-19-005 (Revised)

The Environmental Commission previously reviewed this application and has no additional comments at this time.

5. **Majewski** – ZB-19-021

The Environmental Commission has no comments at this time.

Cc: David Schley, Township Planner
Cyndi Kiefer, Secretary; for distribution to BOA members