

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 15, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Approved on Dec 20

The Bedminster Township Environmental Commission held their monthly regular meeting on Wednesday November 15, 2017. The meeting was held in the Township Municipal Building, Main Meeting Room, One Miller Lane, Bedminster, NJ. The following Environmental Commission members were in attendance: Commission Chair Renee Mareski, and Commissioners John Coates, Linda Fragassi, Natalia Hrybowych, Donald MacNab, and Tim Walter.

Adequate notice of meeting was sent to *The Courier-News* in Somerville NJ, *The Bernardsville News* in Bernardsville, NJ, and posted at the Township Municipal building on January 9, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 7.03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all persons in attendance at 7.03 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 18, 2017 meeting were approved by a vote of 5 – 0 – 1, with Commissioner Fragassi abstaining.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

New Business

Commission Chair Mareski congratulated former Commission Chair Hickey on his election to the Township Committee.

Commissioner Projects

Commission Chair Mareski reported that there would be a meeting with Gary Rupert from *Three Meadows Farm* on Friday December 8th, regarding the proposed farmers market.

Commission Chair Mareski informed the commission that she would be meeting with *Conserve Wildlife NJ* in April or May in order to do another bat program in the township.

Township Committee Update

Committee member Jacobs reported that there is a public meeting on November 20th in order to discuss the renewal of the open space tax. Mr. Jacobs also informed the commission that the River Rd. dog park expansion is underway, as well as the fact that the proposed farmers market has recently been a matter of discussion in the township committee.

Committee member Jacobs informed the commission that noise related issues caused by jake-breaking on Rt. 206 has been discussed at the township committee. Commissioner MacNab noted that this was an issue that the township dealt with about eight years prior, and that there may be some difficulty to remedying this situation due to the fact that the offending traffic is on a state owned roadway.

Correspondence

There was no actionable correspondence

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Walter reported that he and Ms. Mareski attended the *NJ Women in Wild Life Awards*. Mr. Walter stated that during this event there was a presentation about Monarch Butterfly's that he would like to see done in the township.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.42pm on a motion by Commissioner Coates that was seconded by Commissioner Hrybowych

Submitted By: Donald MacNab