



## **BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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### **Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2018**

### **Shrewsbury Environmental Commission**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas @ 7:35 pm. Presiding Officers Statement read

#### **Roll Call:**

Present: Thomas, Kurdyla, Zweerink, Blair, Fotopoulos  
Absent: DiBello, Huresky, Dragonetti, Conway, Gwydir  
Council Rep: Burden

#### **Oaths of Office**

Blair, Zweerink, Fotopoulos

#### **Election of Chairman 2018:**

A motion was made by Ms. Kurdyla, seconded by Mr. Zweerink nominating Mr. Dragonetti as Chairman for 2018, with no other nominations. All approved.

#### **Dates Times & Location of Meetings for 2018:** --

Hold to the end of the meeting for a brief discussion

#### **Official Newspapers:**

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Kurdyla to use the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times as the official newspapers of the Environmental Commission for 2018. All approved.

#### **Adoption of Minutes –**

A motion was made by Ms. Blair, seconded by Mr. Zweerink to adopt the minutes of the February 15, 2017, April 12, 2017 & May 10, 2017 as submitted. All approved.

Ms. Blair would like to discuss a few points on the minutes at the end of the meeting.

#### **Planning/Zoning Board Business:** None

#### **Correspondence:**

- Mr. Thomas presented a letter of no further interest for a tank removal from TTI Environmental Inc.: STS, 801 Shrewsbury Ave, Bl: 29, Lot: 14.01

## **Unfinished Business:**

Mr. Thomas asked Ms. Blair for her questions regarding the minutes.

Ms. Blair asked some general questions on the following issues:

- 2/15/17 & 4/17/17 referred to the outdoor classroom that is being proposed and what the status is. Mr. Thomas advised that it will be tied into the clearing of the area by the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Burden advised that the money for this project was allocated last year and additional monies have been given toward the project. Mr. Thomas advised that this project would consist of wooden benches, tables, bulletin boards and benches to form a “theatre area”. Ms. Blair wants to have someone who is involved in the project come to the next meeting to show how the outdoor classroom would function. Mr. Thomas has concerns that if the Garden Club wanted to use the gazebo there would be dirt and debris all over but if they were to use the “class room” it would be cleaner. This would be a good Boy Scout project to develop this passive area. Ms. Kurdyla has concerns with this project being so close to her property. Mr. Thomas described the area having wood chips and wooden furniture made from cedar. Ms. Blair asked what is going on with the dog access, wildflowers in order to have less grass which would have to be mowed. Mr. Thomas advised that the Ordinance may have changed to allow dogs on the property. Mr. Thomas will check into this to see if the Ordinance was changed in order to “relax” the Ordinance to allow dogs on leashes on Borough property. Mr. Thomas will try and follow up Ms. Eulner & Mr. Anderson. Mr. Thomas indicated that they will have to investigate the wild flowers more. Mr. Burden doesn’t feel that this will work due to the drainage in the front of the building, and that the Police want to keep that area free for parking.
- **Ester Hymer Trail** – Mr. Thomas will be following up with Ms. Eulner due to the neighbors not wanting the trail cleaned out, and there is an access issue.
- Mr. Thomas will prepare a punch list for Ms. Eulner on the outstanding open space issues.
- Ms. Blair pointed out there are down trees along perimeter of Manson Park, and would like them cleaned up before they trees and grass areas start to bloom. Mr. Burden advised that the Open Space Committee did do a walk through around the area, Mr. Thomas will reach out to Ms. Eulner concerning this item.

## **Active Construction sites within the Borough:**

- **Light Bridge Academy**, Shrewsbury Ave – a brief update was given
- **Shadowbrook Restaurant** – a brief update that the pending Litigation has not been settled.
- **Shop Rite**, Shrewsbury Ave – under construction 3 buildings have been demolished
- **Capital Senior Housing Assisted Living**, under construction & moving along
- **Sunrise Assisted Living (Catelli Bros)**, contractor named and moving along
- **Goodwill**, Broad Street – open for business
- **Lunch Break, Career Center**, Broad Street, renovations proposed for inside, Habitat for Humanity involved in the renovations & Grove owners will be doing some landscaping on site.
- **WaWa**, Red Bank, brief discussion, before the Red Bank Zoning Board of Adjustment, next meeting April 3, 2018.

### **New Business:**

- **Clean up Day-** Scheduled for Saturday - 4/21/2018 rain date 4/28/2018 – Flyer will be sent to the School, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts for their participation.  
Target areas: Trader Joes, railroad tracks at Ocean Job Lots, Parks – Sickles & Patterson Ave Mr. Thomas will reach out to Mr. McConnell at the school. Ms. Fotopoulos will reach out to the Boy Scouts. Environmental Commission will be providing gloves, vests, & bags.
- **Sustainable New Jersey** – Ms. Gwydir advised Mr. Burden that Shrewsbury attained a Bronze status in November. Points were received for the walk to school program and she has other programs that she will be doing.
- **Recycling Report for 2015** Reviewed - \$17,688.97 received by the Borough, represents total of 8,694.27 lbs. which was collected. Mr. Thomas is going to reach out to Bob Wentway to get the breakdown of weight as to what the hauler picks up vs the curbside numbers to see which is more economical to the Borough.
- Mr. Burden provided several articles - “Plastic Free Aisle” and a sign which is to remind shoppers to bring their recyclable bags. There was a discussion on the articles and sign. Mr. Burden will try and to reach out to Shop Rite to see if they would comply with some of these recommendations with regard to signage & the foam cup vs paper cup. Mr. Burden would also like to recommend that Staples and CVS start to use the recyclable signs in their parking lots. A recommendation was made to turn these suggestions to Judy Kramer who is on the “Green Team” and they could look into some of these issues. It was suggested that the Environmental Commission and the Green Team should have a joint meeting in the future. Mr. Thomas advised that he will forward this information onto to the Green Team.

A motion was made by Ms. Kurdyla, seconded by Ms. Fotopoulos to open the meeting to the public. All approved.

Mr. Dan Becker was in the audience and he advised that he would like to join the Environmental Commission, he has a background in Environmental Science.

A motion was made by Ms. Blair, seconded by Ms. Fotopoulos to close the meeting to the public. All approved

### **Dates, Time, Location of meetings:**

There was a discussion on changing the meetings to bi-monthly @ 7:00 pm. All members in attendance agreed.

### **The following dates will be noticed for:**

April 11, 2018 @ 7:00 pm  
June 13, 2018 @ 7:00 pm  
August 8, 2018 @ 7:00 pm  
October 10, 2018 @ 7:00 pm  
December 12, 2018 @ 7:00 pm  
January 9, 2019 @ 7:00 pm – Reorganization

A motion was made by Ms. Kurdyla, seconded by Ms. Blair to hold the meetings for 2018 bimonthly as indicated @ 7:00 pm, Borough Hall, April 11, June 13, August 8, October 10, December 12, January 9, 2019. All approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Zweerink, seconded by Ms. Fotopoulos to adjourn the meeting @ 8:45 pm. All approved.