

**BERNARDS TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES-January 9, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Engdahl called the meeting to order at 7:17 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: Kelly, Pozner, Bianchi (arrived 7:58), Tancredi, Engdahl, Mastrangelo (departed 8:25)

Absent: Crane

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Engdahl, second by Pozner, to approve the minutes of December 12, 2016.

All in favor; motion carried.

**REPORTS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mahwish Mustafa, 167 Smoke Rise Road, Basking Ridge gave a presentation on Food Recycling. Committee members are interested in investigating options to promote food waste recycling:
  1. Engdahl to contact KSW and Mastrangelo to contact Pinto brothers to see if they can offer curbside pick-up to customers.
  2. Approach the Green Team to investigate obtaining a sustainable New Jersey grant to promote food waste recycling such as creating (a) central drop off location(s) for residents
  3. Support legislation / contact legislators – Assembly bill #4397 sponsored by Grace Spencer in 2015/2016 and Senate bill #771 sponsored by Smith and Bateman. Engdahl may have an opportunity to speak with Smith in the near future and Bateman covers Bernards in his district.
  4. Schools may be beneficial to target to reduce their waste costs and educate/involve students.
- Yearend Report-Kelley will circulate a draft and present a final report at the February meeting
- Development Applications
  1. *Nuotare Investments, LLC-154 Old Farm Road; Block 202, lot 16, Bulk Variance (front yard setback)*  
*No environmental concerns.*
  2. *Ward-49 Woodstone Road; Block 2903, lot8, Bulk Variances (front yard setback)*  
*No environmental concerns.*

3. *Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church-45 Church Street, Block 7501, Lot 4; D" Variances (Replacement of existing manse on Lyons Road-Conditional Use: Far) Tancredi recused himself*  
*The Environmental Commission notes that due to the site and surrounding topography storm water best management practices should be given extra consideration during site work and as part of final site grading and restoration. In addition, implementation of best management practices to preserve and protect trees during the site work should be considered.*
4. *Rockridge Court, LLC-84 Culberson Road; Block 2602 Lot 4,(Front yard setback; min lot width; min improvable lot area)*  
*The Environmental Commission notes the presence of freshwater wetlands and a surface water body on the subject property. The Applicant's statement that work will be completed in accordance with NJDEP Land Use Regulations (e.g., GP-8 and Special Activity Waiver) was also noted. Best management practices to protect these sensitive ecological areas should be implemented during the site work (sediment and erosion controls) and post-construction (organic lawn care, protect and preserve natural soil, vegetation, and grading in buffer zones and within the stream).*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **COMMENTS BY MEMBERS**

- Pozner - will be responsible for securing tree saplings for Charter day.
- Engdahl will draft a letter to Tsang thanking him for his service.
- Engdahl and his son are part of the Great Swamp Watershed Stream Team and will pass along information gained.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Engdahl, second by Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.  
All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Pisano, Acting Recording Secretary