# BERNARDS TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES-September 25, 2017

#### CALL TO ORDER

Engdahl, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Tancredi, Pozner, Kelly, Engdahl, Bianchi

Absent: Mastrangelo, Crane

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Pozner, second by Tancredi, to approve the minutes of July10, 2017.

All in favor; motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Development Applications**

1. Ireland-17 Ashwood Lane; Block 1617, lot 4, Lot area, lot width, lot coverage for proposed pool /patio

The Environmental Commission notes the proposed lot coverage (18.7%) exceeds the required amount (15%). Increased impervious coverage increases the volume (quantity) of stormwater runoff, which can contribute to local and potentially area wide flooding. Site level drainage is the concern with this application, therefore site features to promote stormwater infiltration should be considered. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Infrastructure website is a good reference for "green" stormwater management practices for homeowners (http://www.nj.gov/dep/gi/).

- 2. Beadle-137 Washington Ave; Block 1204, Lot 23.01, Side yard setback, rear yard setback, minimum distance between buildings for new shed No environmental Concerns.
- 3. Doliner- 105 Childs Road; Block 401, Lot19.01, © Front yard setback (pre- existing) to build two story addition.

No environmental Concerns.

- 4. Reale-Washington Ave. & Conkling St. Ext. © Pre-existing Bulks (new house) No environmental Concerns.
- 5. Gannon- 4 Woodstone Road: Block 2906, Lot 27, © Front & rear yard setback, lot coverage (addition) Engdahl recused himself.

  No environmental Concerns.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Allen – Ask if he could attend a future EC meeting to make a presentation on behalf of Citizens' Climate Lobby. All agreed, that he was welcome to attend and present a 15 min presentation at the November 13, 2017 Meeting.

### **COMMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Engdahl, commented he has been contacted by a member of the Bernardsville EC concerning possible collaboration with other towns. He also stated that he would like to begin a conversation with the organizers of Charter Day. With the goal of minimizing landfill waste generated during the event, "turning charter day into a zero waste day".

Kelley commented on bear hunt.

Motion by Kelly, second by Tancredi to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Meth, Secretary