



Bernards Township Environmental Commission



BERNARDS TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES – August 23, 2020 – 7pm

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ann Parsekian called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm via Zoom conference call in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975.

FLAG SALUTE

All those assembled saluted the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: John Crane, Nancy Cook, Jane Conklin (arrived 7:28 pm), Debra DeWitt, James LaMaire, Ann Parsekian, Alice Smyk

Absent: Joan Bannan, Jason Roberts, Sarah Wolfson

Also Present: Kaitlin Cartoccio – Recording Secretary, Todd Edelstein - Resident

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve EC regular meeting minutes – July 26, 2020 by Nancy Cook, second by Alice Smyk. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS & MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **161 South Maple Ave – Freshwater Wetlands General Permit**
No comments

OLD BUSINESS

a. Status on Current Projects

i. Public Outreach

The focus of public outreach will look towards Labor Day and other items pertaining to fall. Many members commented that “What to Recycle and What Not to Recycle” is still a widely talked about topic, as well as the spotted lanternfly. Somerset County is currently seeing many adult spotted lanternfly so the goal may now be to address the Tree of Heaven. Kaitlin Cartoccio mentioned that the Health Department is interested in putting out information about the spotted lanternfly since they’ve seen a call increase. Her student group, Ridge Education Action & Community Health (REACH) is also interested in recycling, clean ups and other environmental concerns. Todd Edelstein suggested contacting community service.

ii. Reusable Bag Design Challenge

The winners have been notified and the order has been sent to the printers. Bags and stickers will be arriving soon. It’s hoped they can be sent to the various departments around town for distribution.



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iii. EC Comments on the 2019 Reexamination Report

Ann Parsekian shared updated comments from the Reexamination Report and edits were made to reflect the views of the Environmental Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Moreira – PB21-004- 37 Parkview Ave – Conditional use apartment

No site plans. The Commission would ask the Board to remind the applicants that they are virtually at capacity on lot coverage and that any future additions such as patios, sheds, pools or any other impervious surface coverage items would put them over the limit. The Commission suggests they discuss this with the applicant and perhaps the applicant may want to consider reducing the amount of impervious surface coverage.

Motion by Debra DeWitt, seconded by Jane Conklin.

All in favor, motion carried.

a. Colucci- ZB-21-013- 373 Lyons Road - Pool not located behind the rear building of adjacent dwellings, steep slope disturbance.

No environmental concerns.

Motion by James LaMaire, seconded by Nancy Cook.

All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

John Crane commented he was grateful for Ann Parsekian's writing skills though they may disagree from time to time. Ann Parsekian thanked everyone for a good discussion. There were a few applications that were tabled in July that were already completed so the Environmental Commission was not able to comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Motion by Debra DeWitt, second by Nancy Cook. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaitlin Cartoccio, Meeting Secretary



Bernards Township Environmental Commission

TO: Planning Board Chairperson and Members

FROM: Ann Parsekian, Chairperson
Bernards Township Environmental Commission

DATE: August 24, 2021

RE: **Moreira PB21-004**

Planning Board

Moreira-PB21-004

The Environmental Commission reviewed this application at its August 23, 2021 meeting and has the following comments:

The Environmental Commission would ask the Board to remind the applicants that they are nearing capacity on lot coverage and that future additions, such as the proposed future garage noted on the plans or other impervious surface coverage items, could put them over the limit.

Cc: David Schley, Township Planner
Cyndi Kiefer, Secretary; for distribution to PB members and Attorney to applicant



Bernards Township Environmental Commission

TO: Zoning Board Chairperson and Members

FROM: Ann Parsekian, Chairperson
Bernards Township Environmental Commission

DATE: August 24, 2021

RE: Applications review

The Environmental Commission reviewed these applications at their August 23, 2021 meeting and forwards the following comments.

Board of Adjustment

Pyramid Healthcare Inc. ZB21-025

The Environmental Commission reviewed this request and has no comment.

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