

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 11, 2013**

The December 11, 2013 meeting, of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission, was called to order at 7:01 P.M. and opened with the flag salute.

Ed Truitt said the Environmental Commission is being held in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" and the Open Public Meetings Act.

The following members were present: Ed Truitt, Kenny Rose, Carol Bitzberger and Henry Gomez.

The minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting were made available to the members. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Kenny Rose and seconded by Carol Bitzberger. The motion was carried.

A Summary of the Planning Board meeting was presented by Henry Gomez. The meeting was a public hearing where Viking was requesting a permit for expansion and a height variance. He reported there were questions raised by the planning board on fire access, traffic congestion, missing information on the site plan. A tour will also be held at Viking with several planning board members in attendance along with firemen from the New Gretna Fire Volunteers to first hand see the site.

It was noted that on the Bass River Township internet site, the NJDEP hotline number is listed. The board discussed that in addition they would like to display 10-12 signs around Bass River that will also include the NJDEP Hot-line number. This will be an attempt to get this information out to more of the residents of Bass River. The Chairman will also talk to the mayor about possible locations for signs. The signs will be hand-made so the Commission will be looking for volunteers to make the signs. Therefore, there will be no cost to the Township. Carol Bitzberger will try to come up with some ideas for signs that will be discussed at the next meeting.

A letter from the NJDEP concerning the spilling of an Oil Tank at 68 N Maple Ave., Block 52 Lot 6 was reviewed and no further action is necessary. Letter will be filed in the Township building.

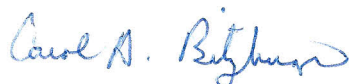
The 'Adopt a Highway' was discussed. There is a need to clean up the roads in Bass River, especially those roads that encompass the Pine Barrens Byway. Additional research will be looked into including: residents volunteering to adopt a highway, finding sponsors, applying to state, etc. To be further discussed at the next environmental meeting.

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:42. The following issues were brought up:

- There was a member from the NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program who introduced himself, Steven Luell. This Program is promoting FREE environmental education presentations to community organizations and schools to improve the quality of NJ's waterways. The commission did refer him to the Bass River Elementary school where they have a Nature Club that we thought might be interested. It was also decided that an article be written and presented at the next meeting for comments, and see if we can have it included in the Bass River Newsletter that comes out monthly.
- The subject of the Southern Pine Beetle destruction in Bass River was brought up by Henry Bourguignon. He informed the board that he had rode through all the roads in Bass River and reported his findings to the mayor. The issue was discussed and decided the board needs additional information on this topic, and what can be done to resolve the issue. The Chairman will talk to the mayor and see if we can get a report of the situation in Bass River Township. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:05 p.m. A motion was made by Kenny Rose and seconded by Henry Gomez/

I hereby certify these minutes to be true,



Carol A. Bitzberger  
Secretary of the Environmental Commission