

**BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

February 22, 2022

MEMBER	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Roger A. Plew	<i>Chair</i>	X	
Raquel Parker	<i>Vice-Chair</i>	X	
Carole Cann	<i>Secretary</i>	X	
Bill Grayson			X
Edwige Theokas		X	
Madeline McManimon	<i>Student Representative</i>	X	
Eugene Fuzy	<i>Township Committee Liaison</i>	X	

1. **SALUTE TO FLAG:** Chairman Plew called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and led those present in a salute to the flag.
2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN:** In compliance with the open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: On February 10, 2022 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board opposite the main entrance of the meeting room in the Municipal Building; was emailed Burlington County Times and the Times of Trenton; was filed with the Clerk of Bordentown Township, and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice.
3. **MINUTES:** Minutes from the January 25 meeting were amended and approved.
4. **DISCUSSION WITH BORDENTOWN CITY EC MEMBERS:** Ralph Tolomeo, Cathy Shaw, and Dan Preston joined the meeting to discuss ways in which the two committees can work together on various activities. Mr. Tolomeo spoke about co-sponsoring a rain barrel workshop in conjunction with Rutgers University on April 23. This workshop is limited to 25 participants and costs \$45 per person. After a demonstration, participants will make a rain barrel to take home. He also suggested holding an “egg hunt” on March 13 to find and destroy Spotted Lantern Fly egg cases. He showed a kit that he got from the Bordentown Library and believes that we can obtain more from the Dept. of Agriculture. Mr. Tolomeo also expressed interest in creating pedestrian and bicycle crossings on Routes 206 and 130. Mr. Preston spoke about the ongoing problem of invasive species. Bordentown City contracted the NJ Invasive Species Strike Team to conduct an inventory in public spaces and parks in the City. They are now working on a plan to deal with the invasive species that were identified. Ms. Shaw expressed their desire to work and share activities regionally and pointed to the cooperation between the Township and the City during the County Green Fair last year. Both Commissions spoke of the difficulty finding community volunteers. Chairman Plew advised the City members of ongoing recycling programs sponsored by the EC, and offered assistance in getting the City started in the Trex program.
5. **LIASION’S REPORT:** Deputy Mayor Fuzy advised that the economic element of the Master Plan will be voted on at the March 3rd meeting. He reminded members that he is still looking for a student representative. Mr. Fuzy introduced Kayla Harris, who is interested in becoming an EC member.
6. **OD BUSINESS:** Terra Cycle Program: Mr. Fuzy informed members that TerraCycle has raised the minimum purchase order of snack wrapper collection boxes to \$5,000. He discussed the way forward, including the possibility of partnering with other towns. Chairman Plew talked about the logistics and

problems of getting Trex materials to collection points. He discussed weighing the bags and logging that information, but not putting labels on the bags.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:** Remediation of the Schneider Electric/Former Circuit Foils site is complete.
8. **FOR DISCUSSION:** Sustainable Jersey Actions: Chairman Plew is working on updates. He asked members to take a look and see if there are any actions that they would like to work on.
Community Garden: The garden will be open to renters this season, which will be advertised on social media. Mr. Fuzy will provide the updated rental agreement.
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Kayla Harris joined the meeting to introduce herself to members and to share her extensive background on environmental issues. She is interested in becoming a member in May.
10. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:55