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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 15, 2015

Chairman Kovac called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Chairman Kovac read the following Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

“In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, be advised that adequate notice of this Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset was made by the posting on the bulletin board at the Borough Hall and transmitted to the officially designated newspapers indicating that this Meeting would take place at the Borough Hall, Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on April 15, 2015. In addition a copy of this notice is and has been made available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.”

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Tom Delacruz, James Foohey, Council Liaison, Jerry Kovac, Ann Marie McCarthy,
Olga Metaxas
Absent: Rick Zack, Planning Board Member

Everyone present participated in the Salute to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Delacruz to approve the minutes of March 18, 2015 as submitted. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Metaxas and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Foohey reported the Township Council presented an Earth Day proclamation to Chairman Kovac at the last meeting. He reported the Council meetings are still not broadcasted yet, but hopes they will be by the next meeting. He reported that the Council is in favor of adding alternates to the Commission and will be introducing an ordinance amending the Code section regarding the members of the Environmental Commission.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Mr. Foohey, seconded by Mr. Delacruz to open the meeting to the public. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

There being no comments from the public at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Foohey to close the meeting to the public. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Metaxas and carried unanimously upon voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2015 River Clean Up

The final details for the River Clean Up were discussed. Assignments were given to various members of the Commission as follows:

Gloves	Rick Zack
Hand Wipes & Sanitizer	Ann Marie McCarthy
Garbage Bags	Somerset County Park Commission
Food	James Foohey

A discussion ensued regarding poison ivy along the canal and park. Councilman Foohey stated this is an issue he is aware of and will be resolving shortly. It was noted that the clean up coincides with a clean up sponsored by the Central Jersey Stream Team. It was also noted that Mr. Zack would be reaching out to the Girl Scouts for their participation in the clean up.

Councilman Foohey would see to advertising the event in the newspaper. Ms. McCarthy would send information to the website and the facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Metaxas provides some tips and green information to be placed on the Borough's website. Ms. Metaxas announced that Bridgewater is holding their annual Eco-Blast on Saturday, May 2nd from 11 am to 3 pm at the Municipal Complex parking lot. Among the activities for children are bird house painting and how to plant a seedling. The event also features several raffles and giveaways. Among the exhibitors are the Bridgewater Environmental Commission, Raritan Headwaters Association, RideWise and Shop Bridgewater.

Chairman Kovac announced there is a Volunteer Appreciation Event scheduled for April 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Delacruz, seconded by Ms. Metaxas to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Approved:
Date:

Ann Marie McCarthy, Secretary