



Eatontown Environmental Commission  
 Borough Hall  
 47 Broad Street  
 Eatontown, NJ 07724  
<http://eatontownnj.com/environmental/>

2019 - Feb. 19 Minutes

1. Meeting started at 7 p.m.
2. Roll call - John Batinsey excused for illness.

Members	Committee/Responsibility	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Edward Dlugosz (20)	Chair; Water, FMERA		X										
John Batinsey (20)	Lighting		E										
Ken Kretsch (21)	Planned Land Use												
Sara Breslow (19)	Open Space, Secretary		X										
Steve Fratini (19)	Complete Streets		X										
Roger Greene (19)	Solid Waste												
Matt Jacobs (asso.)													
Jasmine Story	Council Liaison/Planning Bd		X										
Laura Bagwell	Public		X										
Jeff King	Public		X										
Spencer Carpenter	Public Works Director		X										

3. Site Plan Review
  - 246 Industrial Way West deadline for comments is March 4.
4. Jasmine will find out how to get two sets of full-size plans.
5. Water & Air Quality
  - FMERA Report by Ed
    - ESAC meeting set for first Monday of each month.
    - Myers carve-out site had a contaminant level is worthy of a being a Superfund site if not on DOD lands. The recent first remediation failed. History: The lime pits failed. Chemicals were percolated into the groundwater. 4,000 people within 1000 ft. US Army will have to deal with the plume in carve-out. RAB issues a Finding of No Significant Impact for the non-carve-out Myer's area.
    - Landfills are not managed and are essentially garbage dumps. They were scheduled to capped with 2 feet of soil, top 1 foot being top soil, starting in June 2019 after 10 years. Continuous delay.
    - The dry cleaning facility on post caused more trouble than thought. Plume goes under field house.



6. Sustainable Jersey

- Discussed possible points from Stormwater Outfall project and TRES project.

7. Open Space

- Discussed proposed plan to install disk golf course at 80 Acre Park.
- Ed will do Google Earth overlay with map of course.
- All agreed that environmental impact study should be done. Any tree with smaller diameter than 6" does not have to be replaced. 6" or larger has to be replaced.
- No due diligence regarding the environment had been done prior to Council approving project.

8. 8:40 p.m. Spencer Carpenter arrived.

- Spencer said the TRES program has been successful. It has a six-month timeframe left.
- Discussed the need for public education on recyclable materials. The film and shredded paper gunk up the machines. They have held "Fun Fact Friday's to educate the community. No plastic bags belong in recycling. He said our vendor is working with us and still picking it all up, but others won't. The contract is up in October 2020. The recycling industry is losing money.
- China had been accepting all our rejected recyclables but instituted a "Green Fence" policy wherein contaminated material will be rejected. Spencer said China was our largest recipient.
- He said there has been a 200-300% increase in this service need. We could help as a community by preparing cleaner material, education, making sure only #1 and #2 plastics are put in recycling.
- Discussed local ordinance to ban plastic bags and straws. Even better, come up with an ordinance that defines plastics, addresses use of recyclable, biodegradables. Ed has examples of such ordinances.
- Sara said EEC could produce brochures and set up programs to educate the public, like a "Suck It Up" promotion against plastic straws. Spencer said DPW had grant money for promotional use. We also could promote this at Eatontown Day, on the Borough website, post Fun Fact Fridays info. Sara has old flyer from DPW about recycling and will contact DPW to update.
- Spencer said down the road, upcycling will result in big tipping fees.
- Spencer said the DPW is running a program to rehome large plastic toys. They collect them, clean them, and regift. They are looking for corporate sponsors.
- He said one of the largest culprits is old golf clubs. Need a plan to reuse. Maybe for vets.
- He said people don't turn out to education programs. Social media gets better response. The State has a recycling coach app that is free till 2020 and geared to municipalities.
- Monmouth County offers free backyard composting program subsidized through grant. He said they have good leaf compost. He said MC may come out and teach a program.
- Community Garden plans to set up compost bins.
- Spencer said the Board of Ed talks about doing a Waste Audit but needs grant. Dump out garbage and audit contents, see how to improve, bring activity into curriculum so kids can audit home garbage.

9. 7:50 p.m. Bob English arrived for Green Team meeting and joined in.

10. Discussion continued about other types of recyclables like toothbrushes, sneakers, etc. Restaurants push back about prohibiting plastic straws. Ones that bend are needed for some handicapped people. Laura cited the Bradley Beach bag and straw ordinance.

- Spencer cited Second Life Bikes program.
- Also, instead of blowing lawns, people need to learn to "cut it and leave it." Turns to compost and enriches the soil environment. Saves Boro money if don't have to pick it up.
- Spencer said they have grant money for shredding last week of April.
- Electronics can be dropped off at DPW.
- Discussed need for ideas on how to recycle carpets and damage caused by microbeads.
- Spencer related ideas like Old Bridge holds a "Mayor Henry's Carnival with games with an environmental/recycling twist. He will talk to the Superintendent.
- Create grant programs based on special needs, bring in Scouts, schools, etc. The Clean Community Grant is \$32,000. He said it's based on the more we do, the more we get. Data gathering is involved.

11. Community Garden

- Spencer updated us on work the DPW is doing re soil samples, overgrown weeds, mushroom compost. He said the signage requires authorization as to where the funding is coming from. There is a



Husky Brook Capital Fund. Has a quote for the sign and gate, but waiting for the green light. Compost is coming out of operating fund. Has stakes, didn't put combo lock on gate yet. Mosquito and tick control will be done outside fence perimeter.

12. Spencer wants to be in sync with EEC to work on consistency in recyclable materials. The apartments and businesses have private service.

13. Discussion continued through Green Team meeting. Adjourned 9 p.m.