

**PRINCETON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Meeting of December 15, 2010– 7:30pm  
Meeting Room A  
Township Municipal Building  
400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540**

**I. Opening Statement**

Adequate notice of this meeting as required by Sections 3d and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided and filed with the Township and Borough Clerks.

**II. Chair Wasserman opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.**

Present were: Wasserman, Machold, Thoft, Hiltner, Ullman, Roberts, Rojer and Lempert

Absent were: Kaczerski, Hamilton, Eiref and Martindell

There were 2 members of the public present.

**III. Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**IV. Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of November 15, 2010. Two members abstained from voting.

**V. Discussions and Decisions:**

- a) Wasserman stated that he just learned of Roberts retirement. He said he is saddened that the PEC will be losing him but thanked him for always being such a pleasure to work with and wished him well in his retirement. Roberts stated that he has been a member of the PEC since the early 1980's and it has been very enlightening to work with the group. He said he will have a new Recreation liaison in place for the January meeting.
- b) **Paul Qvale – LEED ND** presentation – Wasserman stated that Qvale will be informing the Board on LEED ND so the PEC is well versed when the University presents its Arts & Transit plans. Qvale gave a presentation on LEED ND and a discussion was had on how it might be relevant to the Universities Arts & Transit Neighborhood.
- c) **Sustainable Princeton** – present were Diane Landis, Andrea Malcolm and Heidi Fichtenbaum; they gave a presentation on Sustainable Princeton, highlighting the accomplishments of 2010 and the plans for 2011. It was decided that they would try and report back to the Commission on a quarterly basis.

- d) **2011 OPRA Resolutions/2011 Meeting Schedule** – A motion was made and seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the resolutions.
- e) **Nominating Committee** – Thoft volunteered to be the Borough representative on the Committee and Machold volunteered for the Township. Wasserman encouraged the group to advise him of any persons they may think would be interested in serving on the PEC as there is one Township and one Borough opening.
- f) **Township Updates** – Lempert said that there will be a work session in January to discuss the “sharrows”. She said this is something the Bike Committee has been working on for a long time. Sharrows are “Share the Road” signs, markings on the roads, used where lines cannot be used to mark designated bike lanes, indicating that cars and bikes are to share the road..
- g) **Borough Update** – Wasserman stated that Martindell had conveyed to him that the Borough will be holding a meeting on “leaf collection” on January 6, 2011 at 12:00 noon.
- h) **Recreation Department:** Roberts discussed the proposal for the new pool saying that Township Committee passed the bond ordinance for this back in November and Borough Council has yet to do so. He said there are a lot of concerns over the design of the pool. He said the Recreation Board will be holding three focus groups over the next few months with the ADHOC Committee but he feels that the Borough Council will not be passing the bond ordinance anytime soon. He asked the PEC to stay firm and keep vocal about the need for the new pool. He said the Recreation Board will be going back to Township Committee on January 10, 2011 to give them an update on the meetings they have had with various groups. He said the Recreation Department will keep the PEC informed as issues arise.
- i) **Regional Planning Board** – Ullman said that at the last Planning Board meeting they discussed the Dinky versus Bus issues. She said the Board voted on three resolutions that were sent or are being sent to Township Committee and Borough Council. She said the resolutions encouraged NJ Transit to put in new bus lines, endorsed the issue of the Dinky not being turned into a bus, stressed how important the tracks are as light rail may one day come in and also that Dinky tracks should stay all the way southbound to Princeton Jct.
- j) **Health Commission** – Rojer said the Health Commission has not met yet in December but they are looking for someone to be the liaison for animal emergencies between here and Trenton.

**VI. Adjournment:**

A motion was made and seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra Rogers", is written in a cursive style.

**Debra Rogers, Secretary**

Date Approved: February 2, 2011