



Meeting Agenda - Red Bank Environmental Commission

Location: Council Chambers, Borough Hall

Date: April 7, 2026

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

LAST	FIRST	TITLE
Godek-Johnson	Denelle	RBEC Member (Chair)
Almerini	Ana	RBEC Member (Vice-Chair)
Carlin	Scott	RBEC Member (Secretary)
Johnson	Dave	RBEC Member
Rodriguez Heyman	Paulo	RBEC Member
Leder	Jenna	RBEC Member
Massey	Megan	RBEC Member (Planning Board Liaison)
Schroder	Alix	RBEC Alternate #1
Sala	Luisa	RBEC Alternate #2
Facey-Blackwood	Nancy	RBEC Liaison to the Council
Blyskun	Helena	Green Team Member
McArthur	E. Pamela	Green Team Member
Wokas	Eric	Green Team Member
Trifiro	Sal	Green Team Member
Martin	Travers	Green Team Member
Harris	Dan	Green Team Member
Salinas	Oscar	Green Team Member (Parks & Rec)
Walton	Terrence	Green Team Member (DPU)

Agenda Details:

Attendance

Review/approve last month's meeting minutes; remit to Borough Clerk

Public/Guest Comment–

Current Initiatives - Round Robin

- a. Updates from Liaisons
 - i. Council (Nancy Blackwood)
 - ii. Planning Board (Megan Massey)
- b. ~Admin
- c. ~Miscellaneous
 - i. Annual Report
- d. Sustainable Jersey Certification
- e. Marine Park–
- f. Navesink River Subcommittee–
- g. Ordinances
 - i. Native Plant–Paulo
 - ii. Night Sky–Jenna and Pam
- h. Green Fair–Wednesday, April 22. JT proposes 5-6:30, has concerns re: attendance.
- i. Website Updates
- j. Grants
 - i. Existing Grants
 - ii. Ideas for New Grants–
 1. SJ Grant use to retrofit storm drains (reduce inlet size, etc.)
<https://www.sustainablejersey.com/grants/pseg-cycle/>
Applied.
 2. ANJEC Grant–[\\$1500](#) Due 4/13
 3. Storm Water Grant from NJ DEP
- k. Gas-Powered Leaf Blower (GLB) Reduction–Feedback?
- l. Food Waste and Composting
 - i. Waste Pickup remains the same. Contract through 2031.
- m. Renewable Energy
 - i. RGEA
- n. Safe Drinking Water
 - i. Borough Drinking Water
 - ii. Lead in Pipes
- o. Site Plans Review

I. 187 Riverside Avenue–Comments Submitted to S. Ebanks

Environmental remediation: RBEC requests the most updated environmental remediation status reports, given that the site is a former service station. The report should address soil and groundwater conditions, and any concerns regarding the indoor air quality of the proposed restaurant.

Lighting: RBEC appreciates the proposed outdoor lighting with a maximum 3000k lighting color temperature and also encourages the lighting be

downlighting and be placed on a timer to preserve darkness and support wildlife after business hours.

Stormwater runoff: The lot slopes towards the western property boundary. In addition to the rain garden in the northern parking lot area, an additional rain garden should be placed in the proposed southwest landscape area, to be delineated from the parking lot with flush curb cuts. This would mitigate the rainwater from draining offsite, carrying nonpoint source contaminants (i.e. car grease, antifreeze, etc..) into the Navesink River.

Heat Island Effects: Consider removing the billboard and installing trees in the landscape area in the middle of the parking lot. This would address the developer's variance request to provide only two trees, whereas 14 are required. The trees would also mitigate the heat island effect from an asphalt parking lot.

Native Plants: Please update the plant list to include plants that are native to New Jersey. The NJ Native Plant Society is a wonderful resource for alternatives. An initial assessment is that the following are non-native, ornamental species:

- Regal Prince / Kindred Spirit oak hybrids
- Panicle hydrangea
- Potentilla shrub
- Spirea cultivars
- False cypress
- Karl Foerster grass
- Hakone grass
- Hibiscus cultivar
- Russian sage

- p. Stormwater and Green Infrastructure
- q. West Westside Pollinator Garden

New Initiatives

Conclusion:

- r. Next Meeting Date/Time: May 5, 2026, 7-8:30 PM; Council Chambers