

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 30, 2015**

**Present:**            **Trustee Theresa Trouve, Chairperson**  
                         **Mr. Joseph Piersa, Acting Secretary**  
                         **Ms. Elizabeth M. Bailey** (At Large, appointed 8/19/10)  
                         **Mr. James Bauer,** (At Large, appointed 12/4/14)  
                         **Mr. Christopher Gorman** (At Large, appointed 7/19/12)  
                         **Ms. Carole L. Neidich-Ryder** (At Large, appointed 3/20/14)  
                         **Mr. Lawrence Quinn** (West appointed 6/6/13)  
                         **Mr. Jack McKernan** (High School Liaison)

**Absent:**            **Mr. Benjamin H. Mahler** (Central, appointed 8/19/10)  
                         **Mr. Leo Stimmler** (East, appointed 1/21/06)

A regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, December 30, 2015. The meeting commenced at 7:30 P.M. in the Boardroom located at Garden City Village Hall.

The following items were considered for action.

**1.     Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 28, 2015 meeting were approved.

**2.     New Business**

Trustee Trouve brought forward the discussion of Solar Panels for residential use, outlining the possible benefits, reducing carbon footprint, aesthetics and requirements.

**3.     Committee Reports**

Mr. Quinn discussed possible design options to reduce visibility or “eyesores” that can happen with certain roof-mounted solar panel installations. Pricing as well as lease/cost options were discussed. The Board members did individual inspections of homes within the Village and outside the Village and then discussed with the homeowners the benefits, procedures and maintenance involved with solar panel ownership. Mr. Bauer and Ms. Bailey also reported their findings with individuals they met with. Corner home locations were a talking point due to the visibility of the rear roof from a side viewing angle. Trustee Trouve stated that a rough outline should be formed regarding solar panel usage, installation and aesthetics requirements.

**Storm Drains**

Trustee Trouve spoke to High School Liaison, Jack McKernan about installing Storm Water Medallions on the existing Village of Garden City catch basins. A map was provided to Mr. McKernan showing all existing catch basins. Mr. McKernan will evaluate this information and then inform the Board at the next meeting the total of medallions he will need. It was also recommended that the inventory be checked for total available medallions.

**4.     Other Discussions**

Mr. Craig Crawford of 201 Wetherill Rd. spoke in regards to his desire to install roof mounted solar panels on the roof of his residence.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

The 2016 EAB meetings will commence at 7:30 P.M. and are scheduled as follows:

January 27  
February 24  
March 30  
April 27  
May 25  
June 29  
September 28  
October 26  
November 30  
December 28

JP/ny  
cc:  
Mr. Ralph V. Suozzi  
Mr. Brian Ridgway  
POA

Joe Piersa  
Acting Secretary