



Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission January 7, 2013

- ATTENDEES** **The following commission members were present:** Richard Leister , Helen Kirsch, Ed Delia, and, via phone, Deborah Plotnik and Leonard Berkowitz
- Meeting Called To Order Richard called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm
- Minutes The meetings from the previous meeting were approved.
- EagleScout Project No news on steam desnagging. The scout has apparently not contacted Ed or Ron.
- Styrofoam Recycling Jan 19th from 9 am til noon the GL Environmental Club will collect Styrofoam at the Township Rec Building. Marlene Sincaglia is coordinating with the HS advisor to the club.
- Recycling No news as Kevin was not present to report.
- Community Forestry Grant Per Tom Bocko, we have received approval for the grant and can begin work.
- Anti Idling Campaign No update as Stephanie was not present.
- Sustainable Jersey We need to wait until the new SJ website is up. Then we can see what actions we need to take.
- Downtown development committee. No news as Ron was not present.
- Peppertown Park The unplanted area has been covered with plastic. Planting will resume in the spring.
- Tree Restoration after the storm The question came up as to whether or not the town could apply to FEMA for removal of trees that were damaged and blocking streets following the storm. This was already submitted. Bob Bocchino is putting together a budget for trees.
- Membership The ad on the Township TV station drew no responses. We can rerun the ad, and Richard will place an article in the local media.
- Masterplan Discussion on what should be included in the masterplan. The NRI and the CFMP should both be referenced. And specific goals such as the desirability of planting trees. Len volunteered to serve on the Masterplan committee.
- New Business
- Deer Hunt** There was an announcement of a deer hunt in Union County. The

hunt includes Watchung reservation and the Passaic River park in Summit, but not the Passaic River park in Berkeley Heights. The Commission agreed that Ed Delia should ask the Township Council to request that a future deer hunt also take place in the section of the Passaic River park in Berkeley Heights.

Plans

50 Beech Ave and Summit Medical were reviewed. Richard will write recommendations.

**Sustainable
Jersey**

Meeting on Jan 29 to recognize municipalities that attained SJ status in 2012. Richard will ask the mayor for a ticket.

Visitors

Ed Delia said that Pat Materano, who currently runs the Wastewater Treatment Plant offered to attend the next EC meeting. The Commission welcomes his attendance.

**Tree at 38 Eaton
Ct**

Ed mentioned that John Carlini and Jerry Cusnick(sp?) were concerned about a Township tree at this location.

Meetings

Barbara Russo asked the EC to change its meetings of Nov 4 and Nov 18. We agreed to change to Nov 11 and Nov 25.

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.
Next meeting is January 21, 2013 at 7:30pm
Respectfully Submitted, January 9, 2013
Richard Leister