



## **Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission January 21, 2013**

### **ATTENDEES**

**The following commission members were present:** Richard Leister, Ed Delia, Kevin Hall, Stephanie Zecca and, via phone, Leonard Berkowitz. Pat Matarazzo, acting supervisor of the BH sewage treatment plant, and Andrew Zecca from the GL Environmental Club were also present.

### **Meeting Called To Order**

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm

### **Minutes**

The meetings from the previous meeting were approved.

### **Special Presentation**

Pat Matarazzo distributed information that he uses with new members of the Rockaway Township Environmental Commission (of which he is chairman). He then discussed the operation of Berkeley Heights' sewage treatment plant and answered questions from the commissioners.

### **EagleScout Project**

No news on steam desnagging. Kevin will check with Tom Pirone to see if the scout is still interested in the project. Pat mentioned there may be ANJEC grants for desnagging.

### **Styrofoam Recycling**

The Jan 19<sup>th</sup> styrofoam recycling run by the GL Environmental Club was a success, collecting approximately 6 cubic yards of styrofoam. A future event is planned.

### **Recycling**

Stephanie will check with the elementary school to see what kind of bins are needed.

### **Community Forestry Grant**

Kevin is working with Tom Bocko to integrate the new CFMP into our municipal processes including identifying any new ordinances needed. The status/timing of the CTE who is supposed to prioritize tree hazards is unclear. Tom also wants to clarify the specific definition of a street tree for which the township is responsible.

### **Anti Idling Campaign**

Stephanie will meet with the principal of the middle school to discuss an educational campaign.

### **Sustainable Jersey**

Len circulated a list of what needs to be done by June 2014 to maintain our silver qualification and asked commissioners to read it and step up to lead several tasks each for discussion at the next meeting. He also emphasized the desirability of promoting a new direct install program for local businesses which can identify energy saving opportunities and subsidize their adoption.

**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.

**Membership**

Stephanie should eMail the Mayor to request continued membership. She will be moving to Mountainside but continue to own property in BH. Pat M said that the Rockaway EC has a member who does not reside in town.

**Masterplan**

Mayor Bruno plans to appoint a subcommittee to oversee the next revision. Len volunteered to represent the EC.

**Year in Review**

Richard circulated a draft for comments and discussion at the next meeting. He wants to finalize the report by the end of January.

**New Business**

**Communication**

Nick Schiavo offered to include snippets from the EC at the end of each program, length 2 minutes or so. These could be done in writing or via interview. Richard will prepare something on idling or styrofoam.

**Plans**

None

**Sustainable Jersey**

Meeting on Jan 29 to recognize municipalities that attained SJ status in 2012. Richard and Len will attend.

**GEEA**

Len has been honored with a Governors Environmental Excellence Award for environmental stewardship. He and Richard will attend the ceremony on January 28. \

**CLOSING**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.  
Next meeting is February 4, 2013 at 7:30pm  
Respectfully Submitted, January 22, 2013  
Leonard Berkowitz