



**Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission
March 04, 2013**

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:
Richard Leister, Robin Callaghan, Ronald Loria, Deborah Plotnik, (part-time):Ed Delia, Helen Kirsch.

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Eagle Scout Project

No news on stream de-snagging. Waiting on feedback from Kevin-Tom Pirone-Eagle Scout Project..

Recycling

Stephanie was not present to update progress toward programs at schools to install recycle bins.
Robert Bocchino has put solicited bids for single-stream recycling.

Community Forestry
Grant
Anti Idling Campaign

No news

Stephanie was not present to update progress with meetings with the principal of the middle school to discuss an educational campaign.

Preservation of Open
Space

The members present voted to support sustainable state funding for preservation and stewardship of open space.
Richard will send the resolution to the Town Council with our recommendation.

Downtown Development
Committee.

No news.

Membership

No responses to the TV ad or to the article in the Independent Press about the EC.

Masterplan

Community Garden

Ed recommended the Stanford Drive-Snyder Ave park as a possible site for a community garden. It has water nearby and could be easily fenced off. Also, it will be highly visible.
Richard to follow up with Rec Dept.

Communications
Committee

Richard met with the committee and followed up with short tips for the environment. Richard will try to send out a new tip each month.

New Business

Eagle Scout Project

Brandon P. Donohue, Boy Scout Troup 368, sought approval to clean up the trail in the wooded area behind Hughes School. He would also identify tree with signs and install benches. The Commission supports the project and recommends he seek approval from Hughes School and the School Board.

GL Fundraiser

Stephanie Zecca had sent an email asking if the EC would sponsor a basket for the fundraiser. One possibility would be to sponsor a tree or rain barrel that someone could take. Richard will ask Len if the EC has done this in the past.

Plans

94 Briarwood.
159 Emerson Lane.
63 Bristol.
Gas station at Springfield and Plainfield. Ed suggested solar panels

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.
Next meeting is March 18, 2013 at 7:30pm
Respectfully Submitted, March 13, 2013
Richard Leister