



**Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission
March 18, 2013**

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:
Richard Leister, Ronald Loria, and via telephone, Leonard Berkowitz.

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

Minutes

Lacking a quorum, the Commission did not approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Eagle Scout Project

No news on stream de-snagging

Recycling

Robert Bocchino will propose a vendor for single-stream recycling at the next Township Council meeting. The recycling will include small Styrofoam that comes into food contact, not the large Styrofoam that is used to pack televisions and computers.

Community Forestry

No news

Grant

Anti Idling Campaign

Stephanie to update progress with meetings with the principal of the middle school to discuss an educational campaign.

Preservation of Open
Space

Richard to submit resolution to Township.

Downtown Development
Committee.

Ron reported designs and colors for lampposts, benches and trash barrels are being selected. Next meeting April 10. Ron will contact a person who may have some knowledge of permeable asphalt.

Membership

Masterplan

Community Garden

Richard met with Tom Barton, who likes the idea of 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. If this project moves forward, then the Rec Dept board will have to approve. It may be eligible for an ANJEC grant.

Communications
Committee

New Business

SMG Site Inspection

Richard and Tom Bocko met with Boehler on March 15 to evaluate placement of trees at the Summit Medical Group site. We received verbal assurance that SMG was not seeking a waiver of the tree ordinance.

GL Fundraiser

Len recalled that the Commission had in the past supported the GL fundraiser with a basket. It could be a basket for a tree or a rain barrel.

Plans

CVS. The revised plans included more native plants, but the Commission encourages CVS to increase the number of native plants.

Arbor Day and Earth Day

Saplings have been ordered from the state and the Arbor Day Foundation. This year the schools requested 211 trees.

Peppertown Park

Since the county is organizing volunteers for May 1, Richard asked if 10 volunteers could go to Peppertown Park and weed. No reply as of this date.

Cell phone recycling

Richard noted that the project was started by a student and is moving forward.

Questions

1. Are there ordinances for native trees. Richard to research.
2. Is the CFMP adopted by the Township Council? Or should it be included in the Master Plan?

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting is April 1, 2013 at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, March 25, 2013

Richard Leister