



Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission April 1, 2013

ATTENDEES	The following commission members were present: Ronald Loria, Ed Delia, Leonard Berkowitz, Kevin Hall, Deborah Plotnik
<u>Meeting Called To Order</u>	Len called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm
<u>Minutes</u>	Approved minutes from March 4 Meeting (not approved during March 18 th due to no Quorum)
<u>Eagle Scout Project</u>	No news
<u>Stream De-snagging</u>	Discussed how to ear-mark "Bulk Collection" money with Hazardous Tree Removal VS de-snagging. Need to come to some type of compromise and method to start one or the other or both.
<u>Recycling</u>	A single-stream recycling contractor has been selected via bid Len will inquire how this will published. The recycling will include small Styrofoam that comes into food contact, not the large Styrofoam that is used to pack televisions and computers. Ron L. to inquire with Great Northern and Hardware store to investigate selling recycle bins at Town Fair June 1, 2013.
<u>Community Forestry Grant</u>	Rich was not present to discuss. Kevin Hall and Tom Bocho will review how to develop a specific plan with the town's plan for tree removal.
<u>Anti Idling Campaign</u>	Chief Mathis will write a memo to delineate an idling policy for police cars. Stephanie to update progress with meetings with the principal of the middle school to discuss an educational campaign.
<u>Preservation of Open Space</u>	Richard has submitted resolution to Township and currently on agenda.

Downtown Dev. Committee.

Ron Loria reported on his recent attendance of **Free Suburban Chamber of Commerce/Breakfast with the Mayor Friday March 29th 8 to 9am BH Town Hall.** Council Woman Jeanne Kingsley briefly presented Flag campaign initiative (by the BHDBC), to line streets with American Flags for Memorial Day Parade, flags will be donated by town residents who wish to purchase flags for this purpose. Brochures were made available to local business leaders for Flag and Clock campaign to display at their business as means of promotion to potential donors. Next meeting April 10 (postponed to April 17th). Ron Loria provided information form Roman Nowicki (Akzo Nobel Sales Representative for Asphalt Additives) to determine the cost verses value of incorporating porous pavement and pavers into the Master Plan. Leonard B. to sit in on WebEx on topic to further evaluate

Membership

Use BH Street Fair to promote.

Masterplan

Regarding Template for Master Plan being developed by beautification committee; Kevin Hall suggested that Ron L to reach out to Mike Cresitello – BH Municipal Attorney to see how best to present new specifics of the plan to Planning Board for incorporation to the Master Plan. This will be discussed at April Beautification Committee meeting.

Community Garden

No update.

Communications Committee

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**New Business
1st Annual
BH Street Fair**

Chamber of Commerce and Rotary are hosting a June 30th Street fair. Contact info for reservation provided during Chamber of Commerce / Mayors Breakfast. For info contact events@jcpromotions.info Need to nail down volunteers before we commit to participating and explore sale of recycling bins for promoting new mixed recycling initiative. Ron will discuss using Berkeley Hardware as a source vendor.

GL Fundraiser

Consideration to donate basket for a tree or a rain

barrel. No Update.

Plans

107 Hillside

The Environmental Commission has reviewed the application for variance on behalf of 107 Hillside. "hardship" was not demonstrated to expand impervious coverage. While the overage might seem small, there is little question that the steady increase of impervious coverage through the years has contributed greatly to flooding problems in the township. These small increases add up.

Suggested option to narrow the driveway or replacing it with a properly constructed porous asphalt driveway.

Peak Medical

Suggest that the applicant plant an additional small tree along the Springfield Avenue frontage. This would help toward the objective in the Master Plan of increasing greenery in the downtown area to include trees suitable for planting near power lines.

Arbor Day and Earth Day

Saplings have been ordered from the state and the Arbor Day Foundation. No updates presented.

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. No update on this.

Questions

1. Are there ordinances for native trees. Richard to research. No Update.
2. Is the CFMP adopted by the Township Council? Or should it be included in the Master Plan? No Update

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.
Next meeting is April 15, 2013 at 7:30pm
Respectfully Submitted, April 15, 2013
Ronald Loria