

**Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission  
May 20, 2013**

**ATTENDEES**                      **The following commission members were present:**  
Ed Delia, Leonard Berkowitz, Richard Leister,  
Deborah Plotnik, Ron Loria

**Meeting Called To Order** Richard called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

**Minutes**                              Approved minutes from may 6, 2013

**Eagle Scout Project**              No news

**Stream De-snagging**              Ed Delia indicates DPW / Town sub contracted out work to Mt saint Mary Cemetery, George Granholm has problem on shadow lane with stream blockage. A side note of interest was made by Len, that in general any mosquito issue form such pooling should be addressed with the County. Kevin Hall was not present to discuss proposed meeting with Mr. Gluck to discuss strategy and tactics on County path / stream de-snagging project.

**Recycling**                              There does not appear to have been any publicity on the new recycling program other than on the Township website. Richard will re-contact Bob Bocchino on the subject.

**Community Forestry Grant**              Because we have a CFMP, we have an opportunity to request grant funds. Len and Richard drafted a grant request for \$20,000 (with a \$10,000 match from the town) to remove our most hazardous trees. It is hoped that something like 40 trees could be handled with these funds. We should be eligible since we rounded up and submitted 16 hours worth of potential CEU's. Alec McCartney, who runs the program, encouraged the submission. Our chances of getting the grant are improved by being a Tree City USA and being Sustainable Jersey Silver certified. The awards are to be determined by June.

**Anti Idling Campaign**              Still waiting for memo from police chief. Ed suggested there could be a memo for DPW. Kevin will follow up. No news from Stephanie, who was not present.

**Sustainable Jersey**              Assignments based on last meeting discussion were distributed

by Len. We need a total of 350 by June 2014.

Len supplied list of Conservation Easements to Ron and Ed.  
Len will handle Direct Install Outreach.

-Richard presented Green Fair requirements (B2) Green Fair was discussed using June 2013 Street Fair as a spring board for a Green Fair next year to incorporate additional points for Silver Status. Rubber Ducky event may also be an option to hold Green Fair.

**Downtown Dev.**  
**Committee.**

**Membership**

No news, as Committee did not meet this month.

We need to look for new members. The street fair may be an opportunity.

**Community Garden**

Tom Barton was supportive using Snyder Field and committed to speak with Rec. Board Members.  
Ed suggest that we approach town council before street fair so we have go ahead to promote at street fair. Ron e mailed Mayor to get on agenda for town council meeting June 11, 2013.

**New Business**

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual**

**BH Street Fair, June 30**

Street Fair to run from 10 am to 5 pm. Cost is \$50 for 10x 12 spaces. Robin to supply canopy. Richard resented our banner which was approved by the group. .  
Reasons to participate: promote EC, seek members, promote recycling, rain barrels, and community gardens. Have literature on invasive plants and tree volcanoes. Have a giveaway? Ron has e mailed Bob Bocchino for Contractor contact info to determine sponsorship of presentation at fair / recommended recycle bin types and source. Richard will inquire at Rutgers on Rain Barrel work shop. All commission members are to bring sample of recycle material for Ed to build a display on approved vs no approved re-cycle materials.

Len will look into solar lights as raffle; Richard will look into rain barrel / solar pump. Ron will ask High Gear for support on Green fair and street fair to support cycling.

June 14th 9AM - to 12PM Union County Parks will have 35 people from L'Oreal to install tubes to protect plantings behind soccer field and to work on trail maintenance. Len will follow-up on Eds D'elias suggestion to lay road stone (quarry Process) at Snyder ave entrance trail head.

**Plans**

**No Plans were available for review**

**CLOSING**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, May 20, 2013  
Ron Loria