

## Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission July 8, 2013

### **ATTENDEES**

**The following commission members were present:**  
Ed Delia, Richard Leister, Deborah Plotnik, Robin Callaghan, Kevin Hall, Ron Loria

### Guests Meeting Called To Order

Cristina Lewis, Jaime Salazar, Dave Ogens,  
Richard called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

### Minutes

Approved minutes from June 1 Meeting.

### Stream De-snagging

. Kevin presented two parallel projects:

1. Brook de-snagging: to be handled by DPW
2. River: more significant in scope and is a county and town group project and to be funded through County Open Trust Fund.

Gabe Gluck from Union County and representative from DEP are to meet with K. Hall and Mayor to discuss. Note: New Township Administrator (Linda Cavanaugh) will become member of a Green Team, which is a plus.

### Recycling

Composting project at the middle school or the high school: no update.

### Community Forestry Grant

The \$20,000 grant request for hazardous tree removal has been submitted, still awaiting results on award from State.

Linda Cavanaugh agreed to talk with Tom Bocko to integrate Forest Management plan with DPW focus.

### Anti Idling Campaign

Kevin is working with BHPD to develop a written policy for police cars.

### Sustainable Jersey

Decided to discuss next meeting in Len's absence.

### Downtown Dev. Committee.

No news.

**Membership**

Jaime Salazar has agreed to join the BHEC. And, has volunteered to work with the community garden group.

**Community Garden**

Christina Lewis participated in this evenings meeting and provided good insight and types of local support toward developing the project. Christina and David will develop an agenda and platform toward finding a Team interested in getting behind the project.

**New Business**

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

**BH Street Fair, June 30**

Street Fair was a great success. Winners for the Rain Barrel (Pam Pomo) and Recycle Container (H. Lee) were pulled and will be notified.

**June 14 work day**

No update

**Peppertown Park**

Richard and Ron mulched a good portion of bed and prepared surface with cardboard to prevent weed growth. Girl Scouts (organized by Stephanie) also contributed to some weeding of the garden.

**Plans**

**Hillcrest Corner (Plainfield & Hillcrest)**

Impervious coverage to be increased from 25% to 34% should be denied.

314 Washington Street : Increasing Garage size.

**CLOSING**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, July 22, 2013

Ronald A. Loria