

## **Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission July 22, 2013**

**ATTENDEES**                      **The following commission members were present:**  
Ed Delia, Richard Leister, Deborah Plotnik, Kevin Hall,  
Len Berkowitz

Guest :Christina Lewis, Jaime Salazar

Meeting Called To Order    Richard called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Minutes                              Approved minutes from July 08, 2013 Meeting  
postponed until re-distributed.

Stream De-Snagging              Meeting with DEP and County has been slow to be  
organized due to presumed summer vacation  
schedule.

DPW is ahead of schedule cleaning Brooks and  
investigating super winch to remove trees without  
county involvement.

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

Community Forestry  
Grant                                  No update

Anti Idling Campaign              Town Administrator is working toward developing a  
formal memo based on benchmark info on other towns  
provided by Len.

Sustainable Jersey              Len reports some progress; Mayor has written a letter -  
nominating the Green Team; Donna Fellazola will  
continue to report on schools and progress on energy  
conservation projects; Municipal Energy usage will again  
be summarized by Michael D'Aquila.  
Also Mayor Bruno has sent letter to local businesses on  
Direct Install Outreach introducing businesses for free  
energy audits by Tristate Lighting and Engineering. They  
will pay 70 % of the cost. Funded by the Board of Public  
Utilities.

**Downtown Dev.  
Committee.**

More discussion is needed to define permeable vs non permeable surfaces. Len suggest ANJEC summer intern may be a source to develop a better understanding and enforce as part of Master Plan – Ordinance.

**Membership**

Jaime Salazar has agreed to join the BHEC. Richard to provide direction on formal application and appointment by Mayor.

**Community Garden**

Christina Lewis discussed the need to develop an approach to create a core interest group. She is going to pursue the meeting with other community leaders who have developed a community garden for pointers on how to organize and market. Len has prepared draft Grant application for Christina' and her team to review. Also 2 resolutions which are needed for the grant are on the agenda for the next council meeting. Kevin suggested Gardening being incorporated in to the BH Recreation program.

Kevin discussed with John Sincaglia BHB of E about a Tennis Court option; this is a non viable option. One option remains Power Lines, Church of the Little Flower is neutral to the idea provided it better understand the concept, liability, cost etc.

**New Business  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
BH Street Fair, June 30**

Winners for the Rain Barrel (Pam Pomo) and Recycle Container (H. Lee) were pulled; attempt to notify the winners have not been successful thus far. Richard will continue to try.

**June 14 work day**

Union County Park – Plantings were made by L'Oreal Community Service Project Volunteers.

**Peppertown Park**

Girl Scouts (organized by Stephanie) plan to contribute additional weeding of the garden.

**Plans (none)  
CLOSING**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, July 22, 2013 by Ron Loria  
Next meeting August 5, 2013