

Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission August 19, 2013

ATTENDEES	The following commission members were present: Ed Delia, Richard Leister, Ron Loria, Len Berkowitz Guest :Christina Lewis
<u>Meeting Called To Order</u>	Richard called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm
<u>Minutes</u>	Approved minutes from July 08 and 22, 2013 Meeting.
<u>Stream De-Snagging</u>	Meeting with DEP and County is still being pursued. DPW is ahead of schedule cleaning Brooks and investigating super winch to remove trees without county involvement.
<u>Recycling</u>	Composting project at the middle school or the high school: no update. H.S Environmental Club will sponsor Styrofoam re-cycling project this year
<u>Community Forestry Grant</u>	Tom Bocko received letter announcing that Berkeley Heights has been awarded \$20,000 grant for hazardous tree removal. Sept and October tree planting are scheduled. --
<u>Anti Idling Campaign</u>	No update expected until school is in session
<u>Sustainable Jersey</u>	Township Utilities usage are being tallied for the plan. Len Asks that those EC members tasked with specific project work continue to plan for timely completion of action items
<u>Downtown Dev. Committee.</u>	No updates; Richard, however, did provide a link which discusses improving flow of downtown traffic which has been forwarded to committee for review.

Membership

Jaime Salazar application has been approved by the Mayor.

Community Garden

Christina Lewis presented conceptual flyers and news release articles for Supermarket Boards, PTO and Alternative press.

New Business
1st Annual

BH Street Fair, June 30

Winners for the Rain Barrel (Pam Pomo) and Recycle Container (H. Lee) have been contacted. Photographs of winners need to be photographed for news release.

Peppertown Park

Girl Scouts (organized by Stephanie) continue to assist with weeding of the garden.

Richard to contact town to insure proper watering.

Plans (none)

65 Park Ave Plans for Variance to expand property to individual apartments and expansion of paved parking area was reviewed.

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, September 9, 2013 by Ron Loria

Next meeting September 9, 2013