

## **Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission October 7, 2013**

### **ATTENDEES**

**The following commission members were present:**

Ed Delia, Richard Leister, Ron Loria,  
Len Berkowitz , Robin Callaghan, Kevin Hall

Guest: Representing Community Garden Initiative ;  
Christina Lewis

Dan Palladino BH Historical Society (908- 771- 8875)

### **Meeting Called To Order**

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm

### **Minutes**

Approved minutes from September 22, 2013 Meeting.

### **Stream De-Snagging**

Grant for \$3,000,000 has been offered by State - Union County Municipalities will work facilitated through Union County (Amy Wagner) for Summit. DEP and Linda Cavanaugh will task what we need to do to execute this.

DPW continues to work on cleaning brooks and streams. This year's budget will have line item for stream de-snagging.

### **Recycling**

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

H.S. Environmental Club will sponsor Styrofoam re-cycling project this year. BHEC will request BH recycling funds to share cost of bins for the H.S.

### **Community Forestry Grant**

Richard sent Bob Bocchino a list of trees that have been marked and slated for removal.

Tom Bocko has sited locations for Sept and October tree planting. Leonard suggests promoting tree replacement (post tree removal) as funds remain in the trust fund.

### **Anti Idling Campaign**

Possible Project for Columbia Middle School Environmental Club, which is looking for ideas. And on Township Administrator "to do" list. Pledge was also a

suggested option.

**Sustainable Jersey** An Energy Aggregator presented to Township Committee; more analysis is required.

**Downtown Dev. Committee.** No updates.

### **Membership**

**Community Garden** Christina Lewis presented:  
- e-mails sent by Rec. Department  
- patch, Independent press, Alternative Press, PTO Web site survey (Approved By J. Ratner)  
30 Individuals responded positively, Kevin Hall believes that Town Council would require 20 solid participants to earmark land and funding. Soil amendment and repairs would require ~ \$2,000 per year according to Christina. . We did not get grant from Sustainable Jersey but can resubmit. Leonard will get debriefing on our grant submission.  
Leonard suggests using BHEC Trust Fund to help establish Garden. Dan Palladino suggest Historical society site Littel Farm Site. Halls and Deans Green have shown willingness to Support the project.

**New Business** None

**Peppertown Park** No new news

**Plans** 1) 134 Twin Fall Rd Portico over front entrance, non conforming on set back, and impervious surface however not significantly impacted.

**CLOSING** Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Oct 08, 2013 by Ron Loria  
Next meeting Oct 21, 2013