

Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission

Nov 11th, 2013

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

- ✓ Ed Delia
- ✓ Richard Leister
- ✓ Leonard Berkowitz

Guests:

- ✓ Christina Lewis (Comm. Garden)

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:45pm

Minutes

Oct 21, 2013 minutes to be approved next meeting.

Stream De-Snagging

Jorge from Road Department reported that Robbins Brook at Passaic River park had been cleaned. GPS mapping of snags is being updated / explored.

Downtown Dev. Committee.

No new news to report

Recycling

Rich - EC will reimburse GLHS for purchase of recycling bins.

Jaime agreed to look into the possibilities of recycling dry cells and Ed was going to contact Giordano's on the same subject.

Community Forestry Grant

Management Plan is on Track for submission to state by end of December 2013

Anti-Idling Campaign

No updates

Sustainable Jersey

3 businesses have signed up for Direct Install. **A presentation by Tristate Energy was made to the Rotary Club.**

Discussed available documentation that could be utilized to track current fuel usage on municipal vehicles and savings expected to purchase fleets that have better gas mileage.

Helen discussed the fact that school boards have sustainability Goals. Helen will talk to **Donna Felezzola and** supervisors regarding existing energy education programs

Ron will start review of conservation easements.

Discussed if resolution could be developed for Township to only purchase Energy Star Appliances and HVAC Equipment. Action by Len

Membership

No updates

Community Garden

Christina – walked both Lord Little and Snyder Avenue Park. Both need considerable work. Leonard is willing to advise on Grant Applications for Community Garden but would prefer someone on the subcommittee be involved. Next application deadline is JAN 26, 2014. We can submit both a \$10,000 and a \$2,000 but they should be coordinated.

**Peppertown Park
ANJEC**

No updates

Rich – Opportunities for students to volunteer.

Plans

1st – 50 Industrial.

2nd – Plans for 12 Ellen.

3rd – 68 Appletree

**New Business
CLOSING**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Nov 25th, 2013 by Ron Loria

Next meeting Nov 25th, 2013