

Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission
January 20, 2104

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

- ✓ Ed Delia
- ✓ Richard Leister
- ✓ Leonard Berkowitz
- ✓ Len Berkowitz
- ✓ Ron Loria

Guests:

- ✓ Christina Lewis (Comm. Garden)
- ✓ Jullie Lloyd (BHDBC)

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

Minutes

Minutes from the Dec 2 meeting were approved.

Stream De-Snagging

No Update

Downtown Dev. Committee.

Julie Lloyd presented a brief overview of Committee vision. And, will present a streetscape concept to the Town Council Meeting on Jan 21, 2014. The plan is to ask for permission to work with Town Planner to develop specific ordinances to insure that new development in the downtown district follow certain appearance criteria; specific to' but not limited to; street lamp design, signage, pavers, building paint and siding color schemes.
BHEC will provide input on Native Trees, Plants, permeable pavers, Recycle containers, etc.

Recycling

No Update

Community Forestry Grant

Steve Shuckman is preparing Grant application to meet deadline.

Anti-Idling Campaign

No Update

Sustainable Jersey

Len reported new standards for Silver status renewal based on the Webinar he participated in. Municipal Energy usage has been updated by Mike D'Aquila for 2013.

Membership

No updates

Community Garden

Littell Lord site: Site was revisited and Cristine estimates overall size of about 100 x 70 feet. Linda Cavanaugh suggested soil Testing.

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Snyder Ave and Roosevelt Ave Sites: have been removed for consideration based input from Town Council Meeting
We need to pick a site. Because the land swap with the town is far off, the Roosevelt Ave site may be wetlands, there is limited parking at Littell Lord. Ed and Kevin will present the plan tomorrow to the township council. Christine will send a memo to them with some info. We are applying for a \$10,000 grant and the EC has \$10,000 also available. Christine hopes to have hard numbers and a manpower commitment by December 17. ???

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Peppertown Park

No updates

Green Building

Review of low impact checklists. Voluntary checklists given by warren to stimulate people's thoughts on green building. We could combine the two checklists into one. Deborah will combine the lists into one list. Then Kevin will bring it to the council. Should be a better list than what we are doing now. We could require this checklist for variances going to the zoning and planning board. Not general construction.

Storm water Ordinance

Not Part of Sustainable Jersey.

Hazard Trees

Tree king has completed taking down all Section One Hazardous trees.

Clock Plaque

R. Loria made a motion to use Peppertown Park Trust Fund Money to Purchase a \$300.00 Plaque which will read "Friends of Peppertown Park". Motions were seconded by Ed Delia and Richard Leister.

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Low Impact Checklists for Planning and Construction

Deborah Plotnik has completed a quick "run by" of the draft which was distributed to commission members prior to today's meeting.

ANJEC

Open Space Grant has been posted for \$1,500 and 80 Volunteer Man hours. Richard will contact Betty Ann Kelly for a possible Passaic River Park / Scout Project.

Budget

Same as last year.

No

Plans

106 Briarwood - reviewed but formal recommendations made since variance has been denied.

164 Spring Ridge Drive: recommendations sent to remove downspouts from street, and to use permeable pavers in place of standard pavers.

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, February 03, 2014 by Ron Loria.