

**Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission
March 17, 2014**

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

- ✓ Ed Delia
- ✓ Richard Leister
- ✓ Leonard Berkowitz (by Phone Conference)
- ✓ Ron Loria

Guests:

- ✓ Christine Lewis
- ✓ Dave Ogens

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:33pm

Minutes

Minutes from the March 3, 2014 meeting were approved

Stream De-Snagging

Ed Delia discussed the \$300,000 Grant Award to BH and other “river bound” municipalities for river de-snagging. Town administrators used County “Grant Writers”.

Ed was unsure as to how the work would be organized but was hopeful to be involved with meeting.

Len believes our work toward stream and river de-snagging may be something we can demonstrate to Sustainable New Jersey Category “Other Innovative Action”.

Downtown Dev. Committee.

Ordinances will be written not to detail streetscape design for new development and existing upgrades and all will be updated in Master Plan.

Rich will follow-up with Master Gardeners on streetscape specific to plantings.

Recycling

No Update

Community Forestry Grant

It’s presumed that Steve Schuckman has given plan to the state and Richard has provided the list of the necessary CEUs necessary for grant applications.

Anti-Idling Campaign

Stephanie Zecca will investigate anti idling signs for the high school.

Sustainable Jersey	<p>Len asked that we pursue our assignments to meet deadline for June. Brown Field Inventory will be pursued by Richard at the municipal level.</p> <p>Richard has completed annual report and will send to Len for review. Len said we need confirmation that we are in compliance for Sustainable Jersey.</p>
Membership	No updates
Community Garden	<p>Littell Lord site:</p> <p>Christine reports interested participants are interested in doing smaller plots initially and “fund raise” as needed, to expand plots and parking assuming soil is of good quality.</p> <p>Dan Palladino was unable to meet with Christina and Ed.</p> <p>Kevin will speak to Senior Citizens March 18 on the topic of community garden plan to provide a free plot in exchange for position on organizing committee.</p> <p>Richard e mailed county and basic soil testing was recommended by the County Cooperative initially.</p> <p>Christine tabled “partnering” with other organizations to help with fund raising. The group brainstormed several ideas</p> <p>YMCA Mothers Day 5 K Race was one item discussed Christine will reach out to Tiffany Escott.</p>
Pepper Town Park	See DBC
Great Swamp Watershed Presentation	Ed Ron and Dave plan to attend
Hazard Trees	No updates
Clock Plaque	DBC requests any contact info from Friend of Pepper Town Park Pavers to be used for selling plaques on clock base.
Scout Project	Saplings from Arbor Day will be available for planting either in the Passaic River Park or location to be disclosed by Betty Anne. Christine will follow through with Pack Leader 368.
Low Impact Checklists for Planning and Construction	No new Information provided yet

ANJEC

Open Space Grant has been posted for \$1,500 and 80 Volunteer Man hours. Richard will contact follow up Betty Ann Kelly for a possible Passaic River Park / Scout Project. Ron and Ed discussed concern over Sewer Trunk System and town right of way. Ed will Follow-up with Joanne Mondisini; Ron will pursue new Superintendent

Plans

None

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, March 17, 2014 by Ron Loria.