

# Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission

## April 07, 2014

### ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

- ✓ Ed Delia
- ✓ Richard Leister
- ✓ Leonard Berkowitz
- ✓ Ron Loria
- ✓ Stephanie Zecca
- ✓ Deborah Plotnik

Guests:

- ✓ Christine Lewis
- ✓ Dave Ogens

### Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

### Minutes

Minutes from the March 17, 2014 meeting were approved.

### Stream De-Snagging

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.

Rutgers Extension Services has hired a Urban Landscape Architect and Richard will pursue plans or standards that this individual may be willing to offer.

### Recycling

R. Loria will coordinate with Bob Bocchino to discuss purchase and funding for recycle bins around town and incorporate BH Township contract recycler role in doing additional pick up.

### Community Forestry Plan

Awaiting State approval state.

### Community Forestry State Program -Arbor Day Plantings

Richard has picked up trees for distribution to elementary schools. Scouts to plant 50 trees in Watchung reservation.

### Anti-Idling Campaign

Stephanie Zecca surveyed schools Hughes has 2 signs, CMS has 5, MP has 2 (as per Len) but may not visible. Asst Principle at CMS has shown

interest in working with students to empower their student councils to work toward awareness. Also, there is interest to enhance the courtyard at CMS with additional plantings. Stephanie will ask If we (BHEC) were able to provide signs... would school install.

**Sustainable Jersey**

Len reviewed project list and is hopeful we can meet 350 points required to maintain our silver status. R. Loria will work with Ed to publish photos taken from their survey of Conservation easements to prepare a word document documenting this requirement for points. Len asked that we pursue our assignments to meet deadline for June. Brown Field Inventory will be pursued by Len at the municipal level. Len said we need confirmation that we are in compliance for Sustainable Jersey.

**Year in Review**

Richard has completed annual report and will send to Township.

**Community Garden**

Littell Lord site:

Christine reports 6/7 interested parties to become possible board members. And, is considering the formation of BH Community Garden Club to help administer policy and coordination of roles.

Stephanie will pursue and estimate to clear trees and stumps at Littell Lord site.

Consensus is to look at Snyder if town commits to five-year plan. Application for ANJEC Open Space Grant (\$1500) was completed by Christine.

Dan Palladino met with Christina and Ed and walked site and water supply.

**Pepper Town Park**

Richard will review placement of clock specific to trees.

**Great Swamp Watershed Presentation**

Ed and Dave attended, talk will be repeated in New Providence

**Clock Plaque**

DBC requests any contact info from Friend of Pepper Town Park Pavers to be used for selling plaques on clock base.

**GL High School EC**

No activity for now.

**Low Impact Checklists for Planning and Construction**

Deborah continues to work on the project.

**ANJEC**

Open Space Grant has been posted for \$1,500 and 80 Volunteer Man hours.

**Sustainable Land use Resolution**

Need to be re-resolved and updated.

**June 29 Fair Plans**

Commission is interested. To be discussed at next meeting.

86 Orion Rd – Build Rain Garden

63 Old Farm Road – No Issues

174 Snyder Ave recommend disconnect from sewer and build rain garden

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**CLOSING**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, March 17, 2014 by Ron Loria.