

**Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission
December 22, 2014**

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

- ✓ Ed Delia
- ✓ Richard Leister
- ✓ Leonard Berkowitz
- ✓ Ronald A. Loria
- ✓ Deborah Plotnik

Guests: Christina Lewis, David Ogens

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

Minutes

Minutes from the November 24, 2014 meetings were approved.

Stream De-Snagging Grant Project

Nothing to report.

Downtown Dev. Committee

Nothing to report.

Anti-Idling Campaign

Nothing to report.

Recycling

Styrofoam Re-Cycling event at high school: Marlene Sincaglia communicated that GLHS Environmental Club will plan to organize this event, although it appears it will not take place in January.

Community Garden

New plans are needed as Historical Society wants to move Community Gardner's proposed parking lot to another location. Once design has been approved by the Historical Society, Christine will contact Bob Bocchino for his approval prior to presenting to Town Council. Christine will meet with the Historical Society to finalize acceptable parking area.

Low Impact Checklists

Goal is to present this concept to the Zoning Board of

Adjustment and Planning Board for review. Kevin Hall to follow up.

Scout Projects

A Scout has contacted the Commission and asked to attend a meeting.

Storm Water Ordinance

No update

Pilgrim Pipe Line

Richard discussed briefly the recent Watchung Township presentation meeting regarding this subject. Takeaways included that it is the EPA that has jurisdiction on how the pipeline is being installed however it is the states and municipalities that have jurisdiction over location of the pipeline. BH and other towns have drawn up resolutions to not allow pipeline. Until there is further progress the BHEC will not investigate further.

Tree Fund / Ordinance

Ordinance states Tree Fund is to be used for replanting trees or for suitable environmental uses. Tom Bocko to attend future BHEC meeting to request clarification. Date TBD. Also, Richard called attention to the mulch volcanoes, an issue that Tom Bocko has asked the vendor to address.

New Business

One goal established for next year is to take on the connection of BH Passaic River Park Trail with NP as create one contiguous trail form BH to Summit. Ron L. Dave O. and Ed D. have committed to walk the trail by spring; evaluate areas that could be constructed to enable completion at least of the segments within the BH Township Border. Plan is to have shovel ready projects established to take advantage of Grants and scout projects.

Master Plan

Len asked that any additional Headlines be forwarded for consideration. Richard suggested that the Tree Canopy Goal should be incorporated along with storm water management on construction of lots less than one acre that are exempt from storm water management guideline.

Plans

No Plans.

CLOSING

8:40 pm. Next Meeting January 4, 2015.
Respectfully Submitted, by Ron Loria December 23, 2014.