

**Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission
February 2, 2015**

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

- ✓ Ed Delia
- ✓ Richard Leister
- ✓ Leonard Berkowitz
- ✓ Ronald A. Loria
- ✓ Christina Lewis

Guest: BH Historical Society
Ronald Weinger

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Minutes

Minutes from the January 19, 2015 meetings were approved.

Stream De-Snagging Grant Project

Ed Delia reports work to be done is due out for bid. Ed suggested Union County Open Space Trust Fund could be used for that purpose.

Downtown Dev. Committee

Nothing to report.

Anti-Idling Campaign

Nothing to report.

Recycling

Nothing to report.

Community Garden

Christine requested that a member of the Historical Society attend our meeting to fill in the gap on their view of the plans in lieu of waiting for their next meeting at the end of February. Ronald Weinger suggested walking the site again to better understand the lay-out. The commission expressed that time is of the essence to meet the spring planting season. And, before we start anything, we would need a new resolution from the Town Council approving all the aspects and design.

Low Impact Checklists

Kevin Hall to follow up.

Scout Projects

No update

Storm Water Ordinance

Richard has researched the Cranford Storm Water Ordinances as a possible template.

The Ordinance sites 2 types of development

- 1) Major development: BH has a suitable plan in place which follows state guidelines.

- 2) Minor Development: Which delineates that any new building construction > 250 Square Feet automatically must go to review regarding storm water management of impervious surface area.

Richard will continue to research ordinances that would require that storm water stay on the property even if the site plan does not exceed impervious or total lot coverage. Richard to forward ordinance to the township engineer for his comment.

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.

New Business

Open Space Stewardship Grant for \$1,500 is available with an April 1, 2015 deadline. Collective consensus by the commission is that these funds could be utilized in conjunction with a Scout Project or GLHS Environmental Club Project for extending the Passaic River Trail. Application requires 80 man hours and no required match. Richard will follow up with Betty Anne Kelly of Union County and will forward GLHSEC contact to Ron for follow-up.

Grants

Sustainable Jersey application has been submitted to help fund township hazardous trees removal.

Master Plan

Nothing to Report

Plans

76 Hilltop Ave: Plans are in front of the Board of Adjustment; they don't exceed maximum allowed lot coverage nor do they exceed impervious surface allowance. Recommend installation of water garden or dry well and recommend against construction due to proximity to the Green Brook.

59 Cornell: Request for variance has been denied for an In-Ground swimming pool which would exceed total lot coverage. Plans do not show proximity to tree drip line or tree removal detail. Dry well installation is included in the plan which is positive.

525 Springfield Ave- Enrite. No comment all detail was cosmetic.

CLOSING

9:43 pm. Next Meeting March 2nd 2015.

Respectfully Submitted, by Ron Loria February 3, 2015.