

Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission

April 6, 2015

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

- ✓ Richard Leister
- ✓ Leonard Berkowitz
- ✓ Ronald A. Loria
- ✓ Christina Lewis
- ✓ David Ogens
- ✓ Jaime Salazar
- ✓ Deborah Plotnik
- ✓ Ed Delia
- ✓ Kevin Hall

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm

Minutes

Minutes from the March 16, 2015 meetings were approved.

Stream De-Snagging Grant Project

Nothing to Report. Brook maintenance is a budget line item for this year.

Anti-Idling Campaign

Nothing to report. It was decided to be removed from our list.

Recycling & HS

Marlene to follow up with Haley GLHS EC student representatives.

Community Gardening

Christine waiting on meeting confirmation from Historical Society. She has the impression they no longer seem favorable to the project. Council denied budgeting for the parking lot as cost estimates were not specific enough.

Bob Bocchino had some concern on about the soft wet areas adjacent to the lot and needs to further evaluate. Christine will break out material cost for parking lot. A suggestion was made that perhaps the town could supply the equipment and labor to spread material. John Bussiculo offered to arrange for meeting with Township Engineer to review scope of work and also to mediate with the Historical Society.

Environmental Movies

Christine contacted library regarding environmental awareness movies. Discussion is on-going. Christine to follow-up. Contact will get back to Christine on which movies can be presented .

Scout Projects

1. Rain Gardens

No interest on rain gardens from schools; opportunity may exist should the Swap take place.

2. Passaic River Park	Ron to contact BS Council Representative to introduce Passaic River Trail projects.
Grants	ANJEC Open Space Grant has been submitted with the County for improving trail access at Passaic Street / Garfield Section of trail.
Storm Water Ordinance	Richard will provide draft for distribution to Mike Mistretta.
Master Plan	Len requested again that we review document he has forwarded And open for discussion. Kevin will review the timing of Master Plan to determine when changes can be made.
Tree Fund	Nothing to report.
Highlands Coalition	A motion was made and approved to support the resolution, and Kevin will present to town council.
<u>New Business</u>	DEP Grant for Open Space / Trails Application reviewed and will be pursued. Richard will investigate requirements.
Littel Lord	Dead fish were noted at the pond. Apparently DPW emptied the pond partially and removed fish to the Water Treatment Plant. Twp Admin. John Bussiculo said a permit should have been and will be applied for. The Commission agrees that appropriate applicants should apply for permits and follow procedures.
Plans	569 Springfield Ave Application was denied for number of Condominium units being proposed. Richard will make comment on tree removal, the use of Native Plantings and add impervious parking coverage.
Plans (Continued)	330 Snyder Ave - no increase in impervious surface area noted. Application is to add a second story which should not increase runoff. Energy efficient lighting was noted as a positive improvement. Some possibilities may exist to reduce existing runoff. Request to have downward facing outdoor lighting
CLOSING	9:40 pm. Next Meeting April 20, 2015. Respectfully Submitted, by Ron Loria April 04, 2015