

# Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission

## May 18, 2015

### ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

Richard Leister  
Leonard Berkowitz  
Christina Lewis  
David Ogens  
Ed Delia

### Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

### Minutes

Minutes from the May 4, 2015 meetings were approved after some edits.

### Stream De-Snagging Grant Project

Nothing to Report. Commissioners discussed sewer plugging problems due to landscapers blowing leaves into sewers. Richard will discuss with Administrator.

### Recycling & HS

Marlene to follow up with Haley GLHS EC student representatives.

### Community Gardening

Richard marked the proposed location. We do not know if Bob Bocchino inspected it yet. It may need to be marked again due to the recent rain.

### Environmental Movies

Waiting for feedback from Helen Kirsch on use of school facilities.

### Scout Projects



Park



Passaic River  
Rain Garden

Ron to contact BS Council Representative to introduce Passaic River Trail projects.

Ron awaiting feedback from health inspector.

### Dog Waste

### Storm Water Ordinance

Nothing to report.

### Master Plan

Kevin promised feedback on status and timing at next

meeting.

**Tree Fund**

Nothing to report.

**Highlands Coalition  
Resolution**

Awaiting comment from town council.

**Passaic River Park**

Awaiting feedback from Betty Anne Kelly on use of a culvert pipe for ditch crossing. A work day is scheduled on June 12 with L'Oreal group. Len, Richard, Dave, and maybe Christina and Joyce Laudise will attend to supervise.

**Street Fair, June 29th**

Len will reserve the Carbon Footprint spinner game from ANJEC and Christine will buy seed packets for prizes. Len will also reserve display boards on the Passaic River and Carbon Footprint and ask for brochures on lawn care and the Passaic River.

Christine will order a composter for the raffle. Len will ask the county for trail maps of the Passaic River Park and Watchung Reservation.

Ed will build a bat house, time permitting.

Ron suggests having a sign-up sheet for people wanting to help take care of the Passaic River Park.

**ANJEC**

ANJEC Farm to Table Event May 29th – Chesterfield NJ has been announced. Commission members were urged to attend.

**Plans  
Peppertown Park**

None to review

Richard, Lori, and Joyce will meet with DPW to discuss care issues. Ron sprayed the mugwort.

**CLOSING**

8:30 pm. Next Meeting June 1 , 2015

Respectfully Submitted, by Len Berkowitz May 20, 2015