

**Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission
June 1, 2015**

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

Richard Leister
Leonard Berkowitz
Christina Lewis
David Ogens
Ed Delia
Deborah Plotnik

Guest: Bart Ferrigno

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

Minutes

Minutes from the May 18, 2015 meetings were approved.

Stream De-Snagging Grant Project

Nothing to Report.

Recycling & HS

Marlene to follow up with Haley GLHS EC student representatives.

Community Gardening

Richard marked the proposed location. Bob Bocchino to meet with Dan Palladino to review proposed parking.

Environmental Movies

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

Scout Projects

**Passaic River Park
Rain Garden**

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

Dog Waste

Ron re-directed to Parks (Bob Bocchino). Ron to e mail Bob on point of contact regarding this issue.

Storm Water Ordinance

Nothing to report.

Master Plan

Kevin Hall told Len it will be inactive until late summer.

Tree Fund

Nothing to report.

**Highlands Coalition
Resolution**

Awaiting Kevin to introduce resolution to township 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 28th

Len has reserved the Carbon Footprint spinner game from ANJEC.

‘Know you River Brochures’ available in limited quantities however will be made available.

Christine will buy seed packets for prizes.

Ed will look into Passaic River Coalition display.

Len has also reserved display boards on the Passaic River and Carbon Footprint. Lawn care brochure must be reproduced by us.

Ron will contact Giordano's about getting a recycling brochure.

Christine ordered a composter for the raffle and will provide some type of display. (shipping container should suffice)

Ed will donate a bat house as a raffle prize.

Ron to prepare a sign-up sheet for people wanting to help take care of the Passaic River Park and other EC initiatives.

ANJEC

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

**Park Ave Leaf
Clogging**

Commissioners discussed sewer plugging problems due to landscapers blowing leaves into sewers. Ed brought the topic up at last council meeting- It was believed that Township Engineer is responsible for issuing summons.

Plans

None

Pepper town Park

Richard, Lori, and Joyce met with DPW to discuss care issues. Ron to re spray the mugwort again.

Invasive Bamboo

Bart Ferrigno presented issue with over growth of Bamboo from a neighboring property and approached the EC for direction. The EC agreed that certain bamboos are invasive and to utilize the Municipal Nuisance Ordinance as a starting point. The EC will try to provide information on “invasive plants” from the RU Extension program.

CLOSING

8:56 pm. Next Meeting June 15 , 2015

Respectfully Submitted, by Ron Loria June 1, 2015