

**Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission
June 15, 2015**

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

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

Guest: Sohum and Guantam Agninotri attended as part of a Scout Merit Badge to participate in a public town meeting.

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

Minutes

Minutes from the June 1, 2015 meetings were approved with some edits.

Stream De-Snagging Grant Project

Nothing to Report.

Recycling & HS

Marlene to follow up with Haley GLHS EC student representatives.

Community Gardening

Bob Bocchino agreed to arrange a meeting with Richard L. and Christine for a date to walk the site.

Environmental Movies

Christine to follow-up.

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

Ed will bring all equipment and request volunteers to help with tent set up.
Len will drop off display boards to Ed.
Christine will provide seed packets and game 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 purchase a bat house for the raffle.

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

L'Oréal Clean up Passaic River Park

11 employee / volunteers from L'Oréal and EC members
Dave, Len and Richard participated.

Plans

None

Pepper town Park

Awaiting town to edge. Richard planted 2 oak trees. Joyce and Laurie want to wait for edging to be complete before they will continue to plant smaller plants. Ron to re spray the mugwort again.

Invasive Bamboo

EC urged Bart Ferrigno present issue to the tree inspector and town Engineer. Tree Inspector visited the site and noted a citation will be issued to the neighbor.

New Business

195 Kline Blvd., Land is for sale and commission member expressed concern of potential development of the land on wet land. This land could serve as a walking path to Park and might provide an option for additional Open Space.

CLOSING

8:48 pm. Next Meeting July 20, 2015

Respectfully Submitted, by Ron Loria July 20, 2015