

Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission July 20, 2015

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

Richard Leister
Leonard Berkowitz
David Ogens
Ed Delia
Ron Loria
Jaime Salazar

Guest: Ken Dolsky 21 Winfield Drive, Parsippany (Pipe Line Coalition).

Sander Raaymakers 180 Timber

Marlene Sincaglia

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

Minutes

Minutes from the June 15, 2015 meetings were approved.

New Business

Ken presented sample ordinances which are intended to protect municipalities against unregulated pipe lines. According to Ken, the "Siting" of pipelines is not regulated by the state. This does not fall under BPU. Without this ordinance a municipality has no defense. Their (coalition) Land use Attorney strongly suggested supporting documentation by the municipality with specific details on the impact (for example, proximity to schools and waterways). And he suggested (if we choose to support and ordinance as a Commission) to appoint a volunteer to take a leadership role with the town council. The Coalition would provide a presentation and talking points to that purpose. Marlene Sincaglia representing League of Women Voters indicated that while the LOWV does not have a position on the Pilgrim Pipeline they do have a position on clean air and water. And, would support an ordinance that would prevent the construction of a non-regulated pipeline. The Commission will study documentation that Ken submitted and take this up at its next meeting.

Stream De-Snagging Grant Project

No Specifics are available.

Recycling & HS

Marlene to follow up with Summit who has a transfer station and a source for disposal; Also New Providence has a small

area for electrical disposal and Marlene will approach to see if this can be extended to Styrofoam. Marlene will contact High School once the school year begins. Marlene also proposed K Cup recycling. Based on an Innovative Company Terracycle company that sells recycle containers for K cups. A motion was made to sponsor the purchase for a recycle pod and develop a strategy to provide a point for community members to dispose of their K Cups.

Community Gardening	No discussion.
Environmental Movies	No Discussion
Scout Projects Passaic River Park Rain Garden	R Ron contacted BS Council Representative to introduce the BHEC as a possible source for Scout Projects. A list of potential projects will be sent to Bill Shultz with an invite to future meetings to brain storm possible projects.
Dog Waste	Ron sent e mail to Bob Bocchino regarding Columbia Park. .
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.
<u>Street Fair, June 28th</u>	Raffle ticket winners were drawn and will be notified.
Plans	501 Springfield Ave – Remax Sign – No Comment 54 Berkshire Proposed shed does not exceed allowable lot coverage 41 Hamilton – Setback for second story addition – reduces lot coverage from 18.1 to 17.88
Pepper town Park	Awaiting town to edge. Ron re- sprayed the mugwort again.

New Business

195 Kline Blvd., Land is for sale and commission member expressed concern of potential development of the land on wet land. The John Bussiculo contacted (Vicky Drake County Representative) to purchase the property for Open Space however it did not fit the criteria that the County uses for these types of purchase.

CLOSING

9:35 pm. Next Meeting August 03, 2015
Respectfully Submitted, by Ron Loria July 29, 2015