

Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission August 03, 2015

ATTENDEES

The following commission members were present:

Richard Leister
Leonard Berkowitz
David Ogens
Ed Delia
Ron Loria
Deborah Plotnik
Christine Lewis

Guest: Sander Raaymakers 180 Timber

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm

Minutes

Minutes from the July 20, 2015 meetings were approved.

New Business

Stream De-Snagging Grant Project

No Specifics are available.

Recycling & HS

Marlene met with Bocchino and Buisicolo regarding recycling of Styrofoam, which we learned is an approved re-cyclable by Great Northern but Great Northern says it has no means of recycling, which means this is not a valid solution to the issue. Township is in the early stage of considering an RFP for unified contract for re-cycle and garbage collection to reduce cost to the resident. Marlene also reported the library declined to have K Cup recycling. Richard suggested point of sale location such as stop and shop or Dunkin Donuts.

Community Gardening

Richard is setting up date with Bob Bocchino to review proposed parking lot at Littel Lord site.

Environmental Movies

No Discussion

Scout Projects

Passaic River Park Rain Garden

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 to follow up with Bob and ask New Providence on how they dispose of dog waste.

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.

Street Fair, June 28th A lead was generated for a possible commissioner. Christine was approached at Street Fair by concerned resident that Columbia Park wooded area is being littered. Rich to email Helen on possible Student Project to clean area.

None

Plans

Pepper town Park Awaiting town to edge. Bob Bocchino will follow-up with Road Department

Pilgrim Pipe Line Ron Loria made a motion (which was approved by commission) to have Township to consider the development an ordinance to prevent siting of the pipeline through Berkeley Heights until more knowledge of the pipeline could be gathered. Richard will forward the sample ordinances presented by the Pipeline Coalition to the Town Council.

CLOSING 8:45 pm. Next Meeting August 03, 2015
Respectfully Submitted, by Ron Loria July 29, 2015