

Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission
August 17th, 2015

ATTENDEES PRESENT

The following commission members were present:

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| ✓ Richard Leister | ✓ Ed Delia |
| ✓ Leonard Berkowitz | ✓ Kevin Hall |
| ✓ Christina Lewis | ✓ Jaime Salazar |

Meeting Called To Order

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Minutes

Minutes from the August 3rd, 2015 meeting were approved.

Stream De-Snagging Grant Project

Kevin: The money has been awarded for the Engineering firm that will be assessing the extent of the project at Passaic River. No progress on the brook de-snagging part of the project. Kevin to find out the status of the project overall.

Community Gardening

Christine: She and Richard met DPW and Bob Bocchino at site and decided the lay out for parking lot and driveway (see attached schematic). The agreed lay out will not include 'wet' area. DPW indicated that they would not have the time and/or resources to grade the area for driveway and parking lot. Christine to contact contractors to estimate cost of driveway/parking lot work.

Optimal time for kicking off project is this Fall 2015. First, soil sampling & testing must be done soon in order to proceed. Once final cost of project is determined (driveway, park lot & tree removal), Christine will present to council.

Kevin & Len: After true cost of project is determined, the EC should approach the town council and request up to and not exceeding \$5000 are added to next year's budget for completion of the Littel-Lord site parking lot while the EC helps raise funds to begin the project in 2015.

Environmental Movies

Nothing to Report.

Scout Projects

Rain garden

Nothing to Report.

Passaic River Park

Nothing to Report.

Storm Water Ordinance

Rich didn't hear back from Bob Bocchino.

Tree Fund

Nothing to Report.

Dog Waste Receptacles

Nothing to Report. Ron to contact New Providence.

Peppertown Park

Rich to follow up with DPW to find out if they would be replacing benches. Peppertown Park Fund is available for benches.

Pilgrim Pipeline

Pipeline ordinance is up for discussion during Aug 18th council meeting. Rich to attend and speak to council to provide background.

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Street Fair Giveaways

Ed: Composter has been picked up but bat houses have not.

New Business

Len:

Recycling Ordinance for Local Commerce – local commerce may not be following current/established recycling ordinance. Env commission to reach out to DPW find out their enforcement plan in relation to this ordinance and that ordinance (8.64 1 02,03,04) should be renewed to be applicable and relevant.

Brown fields – as a follow-up on the town Sustainable Jersey application, Len submitted a OPRA request to learn about Brown fields in town. He inquired about four properties in town.

Certification – The certification expires on 12/31/17 and reapplication process should begin no later than June 2017. EC should put together a team of members to seek recertification.

Plans

No plans to review

CLOSING

8:25 pm. Next meeting will be held on August 31, 2015
Respectfully submitted by Jaime Salazar