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Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission 8/31/2015

Attendees: Richard Leister, Leonard Berkowitz, Ed Delia, Christina Lewis

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the August 17 meeting were not yet available

Community Gardening: Commissioners discussed the professional engineer's report circulated by Christina. Three test holes were dug and soil analyzed. The engineer's professional opinion is that the driveway from Horseshoe road and the parking area will be a simple project requiring minimal excavation. There would be some grading needed at the road entry. The soils have good drainage. Christina will give a summary report to Bob Bocchino for comment and also ask whether the county needs to be informed. She will also get cost estimates prior to a presentation to the Township Council.

Passaic River Park: We are still awaiting feedback from the county on the suggestion of using large culvert pipes to bridge a wet area.

Pepper town Park: DPW has edged the planting bed. Joyce Laudise has suggested that NJ Audubon might help with plantings. Richard will ask her to follow up.

Pilgrim Pipeline: Our proposed ordinance to prevent the siting of unregulated pipelines was passed on first reading and will be considered for final approval on September 1.

Clean Communities: Commissioners discussed this annual cleanup event and whether the Environmental Commission should help to publicize or become otherwise involved. It was agreed to seek more information from the organizers of the event.

Plans:

1) 36 Ferndale: There were no comments except to check whether any tree removal would be involved.

2) 35 Rogers: The large overage on impervious surface should be mitigated; the sump pump discharge point should be located and reviewed; any tree removal should be stated.

3) 18 Hamilton Ave: We should suggest that the standby generator be sited on blocks rather than on a poured concrete foundation so as to allow drainage.

4) 685 Mountain Avenue: No comment.

No other matters were discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32. Respectfully
submitted,
Leonard Berkowitz 9/1/2015