

# Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission January 4, 2016

## **ATTENDEES**

The following commission members were present:

Richard Leister  
Ed Delia  
Ron Loria  
Kevin Hall  
Deborah Plotkin  
Dave Ogens  
Kinan Tadmori

**Meeting Called To Order** Richard called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

**Budget** Kevin re-capped his meeting with Tom Bocko regarding loose ends on budget line items. Richard met with Bob Bocchino and Township Administrator on Budget also. A suggestion was made to increase tree removal permit fee to offset cost of tree removal.

**Stream De-Snagging Grant Project** Nothing to report.

**Community Gardening** No update.

**Environmental Movies** Christina to follow up with GLHS Environmental Club for possible viewing dates.

**Scout Projects Passaic River Park** R. Loria will take lead on presenting topics to Scout Council.

**Rain garden** Katie and Richard meeting discussion points with Rutgers Water Resources.

- 1) A motion was made to accept resolution to implement development of public and private rain gardens.
- 2) DEP holds the funding for Water Resource Projects; Katie / Richard to Follow-up.

**Passaic River Park Trail enhancement** Richards and Ed met with Betty Ann Kelly and Katie. Betty Anne said permits are required for culverts. Richard to follow up with bridge (ditch crossing) option.

**Storm Water Ordinance** Nothing to report.

**Tree Fund** Nothing to report.

**Dog Waste Receptacles** R. Loria to contact Basking Ridge on dog park receptacles and how waste disposal is handled and funded.

**Peppertown Park** Nothing to report.

**New Development plan Green Infrastructure** Kevin Hall spoke about the Planned Open House in January 23, 2016 to enable plans for each proposed site. And, asked that we propose that Mike Maestreda to foster ideas toward writing the green infrastructure component to the New Development Plan.

**Water Supply Master Plan** No update:

**New Business** Since the BH TAP is widely read by the Township, Kevin suggested that we pull together a weekly column; by local nursery's or gardeners to craft articles on rain gardens, tree canopy, and similar topics to promote EC efforts in the Community. A list would need to be prioritized and Richard will check with Gardening journalists.

**Plans** **None**

**CLOSING** Meeting closed at 8:35 pm. Next Public Meeting January 18, 2016. Respectfully submitted by Ron Loria February 1, 2016.