

DRAFT Minutes of the Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission
4.04.16

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM

Attendees: Richard Leister, Ron Loria, Christine Lewis, Ron Loria, Ed Delia

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 3.21.16 were approved

Stream de-snagging: Nothing to report.

Community Garden: Nothing to report.

Environmental Movies: Wisdom to Survive viewing at GLHS auditorium on Wednesday April 20th postponed due to conflict with school safety training schedule. May 3rd will be proposed as a 2nd option.

Scout Projects: Ron contacted Colin Campbell for additional dates. Grow Boxes for outdoor education classes was suggested by Cristina for Lara Mendenhall's class.

Rain Gardens and Watershed Ambassador: Rutgers proposed 2 locations (Middle school and High school) of which they will fund one; Richard will look into NJ American for possible funding.

Passaic River Park Crossing: Richard to Contact Betty Anne regarding restriction on basic footbridge.

Storm Water Ordinance: Bob Bocchino to review; Richard is hopeful the revision will get posted this year.

Dog waste receptacles: R. Loria met with Recreation Director at long Hill Twp. Regarding their waste receptacles and learned that these were provided as part of a Clean Communities Grant. Ron to contact LHT Public Works for insight on applying for a similar grant for Columbia Field.

New Development Plan: Nothing to report.

Water Supply Master Plan: Ed to put on agenda; a copy was sent to Anna.

CSIP grant: Richard noted that there are some 300 Ash Trees on twps. Right-of-ways; some which need to be taken down as part of the hazardous tree removal plan. Richard was hopeful that funding from this grant would be available to BH; provided that the Town Council create a resolution to inject tree roots with Ash Bore preventative. The grant does not require township funding.

Facebook Page for the BHEC: Page is up and Kinan and Katie will convert from private to public as needed.

L'Oréal Volunteer Day Passaic River Park: Scheduled for June 10th: Volunteers are needed to direct activities.

Vito Mondelli Nursery: Ed reported that plans are being drawn to create a park in the parcel of land donated by Vito. Tree fund could be utilized to supply trees if needed. Richard recommends native trees.

Abor Day: Sapling are to be distributed with help from Katie; Township wants to replace trees removed from GLHS with native trees; a meeting on April 7 at 9:30 is scheduled to review sites where trees are to be planted.

Sustainable Jersey Webinar: Christine was in attendance and reviewed revamped point system that included new construction projects (IE. Downtown Development Plan) with Green Infrastructure as an opportunity to receive points toward Silver Status. Other examples given where Municipal Parking with Electric Car Charge Station would also be a source of points.

GL EC TREE Walk: The environmental club is creating a Tree Walk around the Governor Livingston grounds. Helen reports that this is in the planning stage. And the club is looking for help in identifying trees.

Plans:

206 Sawmill Drive: Second Story addition above existing car garage denied for setback. Does not exceed lot coverage; Noted that application was missing Green Building Questionnaire. Suggestions to be made for Rain Garden installation however rain garden.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Next meeting is Monday April 18th, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Ron Loria 4/18/2016