

## *Hightstown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes*

Regular meeting

Meeting Date & Time: September 25, 2007 @ 7:30 p.m.

Meeting location: Hutchinson Educational Center, Historical Society

Attendees: Barbara Jones, David Zaiser, Paul Byrne, Ryan Rosenberg, Yan Troizer Ann Fischbach and Gary Grubb.

Absent: Roger Cook and Chayna Wilson.

Community member, Walter Sullivan, attended meeting. He expressed concerns about the Turnpike Widening Project.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Vice-chairman Barbara Jones. David Zaiser moved to approve the agenda and Ann Fischbach seconded. Agenda approved.

Barbara Jones announced that the meeting had been publicized and was in conformance with the Open meeting Act, having the date and time advertised in the Borough's newspapers of record.

David Zaiser moved that the minutes of the July 24, 2007 meeting be approved and Paul Byrne seconded. Minutes approved.

### **Old business:**

Pesticide Free zones:

Paul Byrne provided name to Gary Grubb to try and get signs donated by Jane Nogaki, the Pesticide Program Coordinator with the NJ Environmental Federation (856) 767-1110.

Solar Power Initiative:

Public works is working on plans.

2007 Budget:

No changes.

Street Shade Tree matters:

Need to do preliminary survey of Lincoln, status of trees. David Zaiser to speak to Carmela Roberts to see plan on tree planning, Borough may be owed 3-4 trees.

Greenway project:

Turco access agreement signed. (Phase II to begin in spring of 2008)

Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison:

Two dead trees identified in Association Park. David Zaiser to send recommendation to Carmela Roberts. Super deck walkway in Rocky Brook Park to be completed in 2007 with approximately 33K of unused money.

**Omni Report:**

Ann Fischbach spoke with Candace Gallagher and she will try to retrieve report from archives. Ann Fischbach to contact Jim Cosgrove at Omni (609) 924-8821.

**2007 EC Goals:**

1. Municipal Maintenance Plan and Survey:  
Plan submitted by David Zaiser in August of 2007. Plan approved. Plan requires that we complete survey of all the trees in the Borough by next year. Local Boy Scout Troop may help with this project.
2. Community Awareness:  
Two designs were chosen for buttons, Barbara Jones to order. Responsibilities for Hightstown Harvest Community Fair on October 6, 2007 include; Barbara Jones to purchase tent and bring one tablecloth and buttons, Ann Fischbach to bring 8 chairs, tablecloth, baskets for buttons, crayons and snacks, David Zaiser to bring two tables and snacks, Ryan Rosenberg to bring two easels to hold posters, coloring books and Greenway brochures. Gary Grubb to get EC banner made. Time slots were finalized.
3. Environmental Commission responsibilities:  
ANJEC will be outlining EC responsibilities during the October 23, 2007 EC meeting.

**2008 EC Goals:**

1. Street Trees, Municipal Maintenance Plan and Survey
2. Greenway Development (Phase II)
3. Lake and Stream Pollution. Potential town meeting regarding Peddie Lake with local residents.
4. Clean and Green Team
5. Community Awareness -*Town Crier*

**New Business:**

No new planning Board applications for review.

Ryan Rosenberg and Jeff Bond met with Bob Raymond, property manager of Krauszer's on behalf of the property owner, Jim McKenna. They want to work with the Borough to improve the aesthetics of the corner parking lot. Yan Troizer sent plan to Ryan Rosenberg.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for October 23, 2007.