

Hightstown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting

Meeting Date & Time: July 22, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.

Meeting location: Hutchinson Educational Center, Historical Society

Attendees: Barbara Jones, Gary Grubb, Ann Fischbach, Yan Troizer, Paul Byrne, Mellany Alio, David O'Gorzalek and Veronica Furman

Absent: David Zaiser, Ryan Rosenberg, and Esther Velazquez

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Vice-chairman Yan Troizer. Ann Fischbach moved to approve the agenda and Yan Troizer 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.

Gary Grubb moved that the minutes of the June 24, 2008 meeting be approved and YanTroizer seconded. Minutes approved.

Community members, Peter and Claire Lumkong, attended meeting. They expressed concerns about the Hightstown Water Quality and waste oil runoff in the Borough.

2008 current business:

2008 Budget: \$300 budget. Ryan Rosenberg donated his Council salary to the EC. Need to develop ways for EC to become self sufficient i.e. fundraising, grants, etc.

Street Shade Tree matters: Cub Scouts began tree counting in June of 2008. Street tree inventory to be completed by Fall of 2008. Approximately 38 trees planted in town. Need to continue to mulch and stake trees. There is a possibility of planting 3 additional trees downtown.

Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison:

- Triathlon planned for September 28, 2008.
- Skate Park to work with EC to continue Greenway.
- Concerns regarding dog droppings in Association Park not being picked up by pet owners. Need letter citing local ordinance to be distributed to area homeowners.

Master Plan: Appendix to Master Plan being completed by Paul Byrne.

Environmental Commission website: Need to identify a High School to help with website in the Fall of 2008.

Gypsy moths: Yan Troizer working on DEP count.

Greenway Development – Markers have been ordered. Contract calls for 12 markers along the Greenway. Plaque for tree planed in memory of Roger Cook has been installed by Public Works. Issue surrounding Greenway which was apparently constructed 170” short of the Turco easement. Barbara to speak to Carmela to get more information.

Lake and Stream Pollution. Potential town meeting regarding Peddie Lake with local residents.

Idling ordinance: What are the specifics and is this enforceable? This is a secondary offense.

Hightstown Harvest Community Fair, 10 am to 4 pm October 11, 2008 with rain date of October 12, 2008. Ann Fischbach and Mellany Allio to coordinate guest speakers/demos during Fair. Hightstown Ecology Club could potentially donate buttons. Potential guests include Master Gardener. Items for Fair to include; contest for creating a cover for our coloring book & compost bins. Mellany to speak to Candace about hanging contest entries in Borouh Hall. Prize may include a \$50 savings bond. Barbara to check to see how many buttons we have.

New Business:

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2008.