

# **Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission**

## **Environmental Commission Meeting**

Meeting Date/Time: April 22,2014 / 7:00 PM  
Meeting Location: Community Room  
Hightstown Housing Authority  
Attendees: Barbara Jones  
Yan Troizier (Vice-Chair)  
Gary Grubb  
David Zaiser (STO)  
Terry Parliaros  
Donna LePrevost  
Keith LePrevost

High School Liaison None

Public: Robert Thibult, Borough Council, Harold Mulleavey,  
Planning Board, Joan McGee, Stony Brook Millstone  
Watershed, Beverly Mann.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by the Chair, Barbara Jones

The Chair announced that the meeting conformed to the Open Meetings Act having its date, time and location advertised in the Borough newspapers of record.

### **Discussion Summary:**

#### **1.0 Agenda Approval**

1.1 The following were added to the agenda:

- A. #7 Rug Mill water testing
- B. #8 Volunteer Appreciation presentation

1.2 Gary motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Donna.  
Approved.

#### **2.0 Approval of Minutes for meeting of the April 23rd<sup>h</sup> meeting.**

2.1 David motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Donna.  
Approved.

#### **3.0 Shade Tree**

3.1 David has not connected with Ryan Rosenberg regarding the tree planting on Lincoln Ave.

3.2 301 Lincoln has tree root problems, not involving a street tree.

#### **4.0 Sustainable Jersey**

4.1 Keith is continuing with the application, will submit this year for review and feedback, we will continue to develop the application for the 2015 submission round.

## **5.0 Parks and Recreation.**

5.1 The Greenway walk way came out great, the community garden is up and running, people are starting to till up their spaces.

5.2 Gary has put a gator bag on the tree that was planted by the library.

5.3 Barbara talked to Pat Duncan about the peddle boats this summer. Our volunteer time paid off last summer. Harold is concerned about the liability, Rob will check with our attorney.

## **6.0 Grants Update**

6.1 The ANJEC grant announcement is on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Keith will update when we hear something.

## **7.0 Peddie Bridge Update**

7.1 Barbara has spoken to Steve McKittish at Peddie. Hopefully will meet soon on the walking bridge.

## **8.0 Eagle Scout project**

8.1 Nathaniel must come to the EC meeting and present his plan. Harold, as a Boy Scout leader feels his plan is a little light for an Eagle Scout project.

## **9.0 Other business**

9.1 The special Olympics are coming to Peddie June 14-21. We should plan some sort of event to capitalize on the number of people that will be in town. Ideas include:

### **A. Recycling?**

1. Something around the lake-perhaps peddle boats and a booth.

2. We should have a clean up the weekend before.

9.2 Annual Stream clean up went very well. We collected over 270 pounds of trash and recyclables.

9.3 Harold discussed Timber Run and the silting that is from the Tunrpike. Donna suggested, after attending a Rutgers

Storm water presentation this past week we could contact the Delaware River Keepers for help. They seem to be able to get positive results.

9.4 Annual St. Anthony's fair. Keith, Donna and Yan attended. Poor turnout, but we did have some interested people stop by.

9.5 Girl Scout project. David has not had a chance to follow up.

#### **10.0 Rug Mill water testing**

10.1 All remediation has been turned over to a private contractor. The DEP is not currently involved. Joan feels it is important to test the waters for PCE and TCE. The monitoring wells supposedly are testing OK, but no one is testing the stream. The cost for testing the stream and sediment this year will be \$520.00. Stony Brook will pick up ½ and we need to pay the balance. Keith feels we need to also test the stream at Rt. 130. This way we can see the full impact the borough is having on the stream and water quality, especially due to the lack of testing of the sewage and waste trucks offloading at our sewer plant. Joan feels the cost of doing that type of testing would be expensive, and that is not something Stony Brook helps with.

#### **11.0 Volunteer Appreciation**

11.1 Rob Thibult presented appreciation certificates to the commission members. Rob will be working on simplifying the process for commissioners to get reimbursed for expenses they incur.

#### **12.0 Planning Board**

12.1 Application for 450 Mercer. Barbara will respond with comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.

The next meeting will be May 27th, at 7:00 PM at the Housing Authority Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Keith LePrevost

April 29, 2014

Distribution: Environmental Commission, Borough Clerk