

Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: 25 July 2017 / 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: Masonic Lodge
Attendees: Todd Frantz
Gary Grubb
Joshua Jackson (Planning Board Liaison)
Barbara Jones
Yan Troizier
David Zaiser (Acting Chair and STO)
Public: Ed DiFiglia (SBMWA)
Absent: Joanna Jackson, Connor Montferrat (Council Liaison)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Acting Chair, David Zaiser.

Mr. Zaiser announced that the meeting is in conformance with the Open Meetings Act having its date, time and location advertised in the Borough's newspapers of record.

Discussion Summary:

- 1.0 Agenda Approval.** The proposed agenda was moved by Gary Grubb, seconded by Yan Troizier and passed unanimously.
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes.** Approval for minutes from the meeting of 23 May 2017 were moved by Zaiser, seconded by Frantz and unanimously approved.
- 3.0 Shade Tree Matters**
 - 3.1 New 5-Year Community Forestry Management Plan. Since the May EC meeting, our consultant, Kevin Scibilia re-submitted a revised Plan to the State to address comments from State reviewers. This revised plan has since been approved by the State.
 - 3.2 Expansion of the Current Tree Ordinance. This issue is temporarily tabled.
 - 3.3 Pruning on Stockton Street. Jones noted that several trees along Stockton within the historic district are in need of pruning. Chair to alert DPW.
- 4.0 Parks and Recreation Liaison**
 - 4.1 Dawes Park Basketball Courts. Parks and Recreation are planning to resurface the basketball courts and to install new hoop standards. Current plan is to expand the size of the courts in a way that will increase the impervious by more than 250 SF. EC asked that Parks and Recreation submit plans as soon as practical so that the EC can recommend appropriate stormwater mitigation measures.
- 5.0 Sustainable New Jersey**
 - 5.1 Sustainable Jersey (SJ) Reports. Due the great effort of Council Liaison, Montferrat, the Borough's SJ submission was completed for 4 June. The Commission was alerted 7/25/17 that the submission has led to 210 points – enough to maintain our Bronze status. SJ has identified shortcomings with several submitted measures that must be resubmitted no later than 10 September 2017 to meet silver status.

6.0 Fundraising

- 6.1 Paddle Boats. Paddle boats have been a good fundraiser for the EC while also serving to further public appreciation of Peddie Lake. Volunteers to manage the boats for the upcoming Fun Fridays are: 25 August (Frantz to confirm), 8 September (Jones).

7.0 Stormwater Submissions for Review

- 7.1 139 South Street. Chair reacted to this submission already, because of the urgency of the submission. A proposed driveway is adjacent to the lot line and the main structure, making direct measures for the driveway impervious difficult. Chair recommended that the main structure's downspouts be directed to rain gardens, dry wells, or rain barrels to offset the increased impervious.
- 7.2 102 Springcrest. A new 700SF garage is proposed. Commission recommended the use of measures similar to those proposed for 139 South Street. Chair to reply to Planning and Zoning with these recommendations formalized.

8.0 Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Announcements

- 8.1 NJ Prevention Network Conference. Hightstown Case Study for Smoke-Free Public Spaces was featured on a poster presentation by SBMWA.
- 8.2 Butterfly Festival. To be held at the SBMWA grounds on 8/12. Festival to include fun for the whole family. See website for details.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM. The next meeting will be 23 August, at 7:00 PM at the Masonic Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,



David Zaiser
29 July 2017

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