

Borough of Hightstown

Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

February 28, 2017

Masonic Lodge

Attendees: Barbara Jones, David Zaiser (STO, chairman), Gary Grubb, Yan Troizier (secretary), Connor Montferrat (Council liaison), Ed DiFiglia (Stony Brook Millstone Watershed)

Absentees: Joanna Jackson, Joshua Jackson

Public: Rick Jakober and Nancy Tyndall from the Allentown Environmental Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm by the Chair, David Zaiser.

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.

1.0 Agenda approval -

Barbara Jones motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Yan Troizier.

2.0 Approval of minutes -

Yan Troizier motioned to approve the January minutes, seconded by Barbara Jones.

3.0 Street Shade Tree matters

3.1 Community Forestry Plan Grant – Plan was submitted and is being reviewed.

3.2 Tree planting for Arbor Day – Scheduled for April 29 at 12 pm, after the Stream cleanup From 9 to 11 am. A location has to be chosen.

3.3 Tree City USA – David Zaiser submitted the application to be re-certified for 2017.

3.4 305 Lincoln Avenue – 1 Oak tree to be inspected –
Was looked at STO – No action at this time.

4.0 Parks and Recreation

No update at this time.

5.0 Council Liaison update

- A new Borough planner has been hired – Brian Slaught
- Council needs Environmental Commission budget numbers for 2017.
- Rug Mill update: Remediation work has been started. Still in planning stage.
- Still need to add 1 EC member and 1 Associate to our existing team.

6.0 Sustainable Jersey

Barbara Jones asked for a vote to decide our course of action for SJ. It was voted to table any further actions towards the certification at this time. This project is on hold.

7.0 New business

- March 18, 2017: Mercer Green Fest will take place.
- March 31 – Tree seminar – David Zaiser will make arrangement to attend.

Update from Ed DiFiglia:

- Redevelopment of the lake water front –

No defined zoning with multiple owners involved. Residents voiced their concerns: new development will block the lake view and will look like a city.

Ed DiFiglia mentioned that this project is also within the FEMA flood zone.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.25 pm.

The next meeting will be March 28 at 7.00 pm – Masonic Lodge

Respectfully submitted,

Yan Troizier –