

Borough of Hightstown

Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

August 22, 2017

Masonic Lodge

Attendees: David Zaiser (STO, chairman), Gary Grubb, Yan Troizier (secretary)
Joshua Jackson , Connor Montferrat (Council liaison), Todd Frantz, Barbara Jones

Public: Keith LePrevost, Sandra Johnson

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 -

Yan Troizier motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Gary Grubb.

2.0 Approval of minutes -

April minutes – Yan Troizier motioned to approve, seconded by David Zaiser, unanimous approval

July minutes – Barbara Jones motioned to approve, seconded by Yan Troizier, unanimous approval

3.0 Street Shade Tree matters

- 109 Taylor – Tree in front yard needs pruning – Forwarded to DPW
- Tree pruning on Stockton Street – David Zaiser will speak to DPW to complete some Pruning of low limbs.
- Fall 2017 – Tree planting – South Street, Main Street for a total of 4 trees – Come up with up to 12 locations for new trees, including Morrison Avenue, Association Park.
- The Learning Tree nursery school donated \$ 200 towards the purchase and installation Of 1 tree within Morrison Avenue vicinity.

4.0 Parks and Recreation

- Dawes Park – the basketball court renovation has been approved. No construction has Been started to date.

5.0 Fundraising - Seminars

- Todd Frantz collected some money on August 25 manning the pedal boats at the Peddie Lake. Barbara Jones and Yan Troizier are scheduled to be manning the boats on

September 8.

- A tree identification (and diseases) seminar is scheduled for Saturday, October 14 or 21.
- The Meadow Lakes Community has an environmental group and would like to meet with the Hightstown EC.

6.0 Sustainable Jersey

- Great contribution from Connor Montferrat. The bronze level was reached.
- Community Forestry Plan: the tree canopy goal was presented by David Zaiser and accepted by the Commission.
- Green Fleet: the project received credits for hiring green fleet vendors (garbage disposal)

7.0 Harvest Fair 2017

- Our booth need to attract children. A Hightstown bumper sticker design contest could be put in place for kids, including promoting Sustainable Jersey and Tree City USA.
- Could give away pencils, magnets –
- Need a signup sheet and to promote the tree identification seminar.

8.0 Planning Board review

- El Zorro – Some oversized drywells need to be installed in order to handle the parking lot water overflow. Landscape plans need to be produced with introduction of trees to replace the ones removed.

Some of the parking lot overflow could be redirected towards the back of the property into a rain garden.

Test holes / percolation rates – no results available for review.

The environmental impact study is using outdated data.

Added to agenda:

1 – 222-224 Franklin Street – addition of a new driveway –

The EC needs an updated drawing of the work to be completed in order to make recommendations.

2 – 400 Mercer Street – resident took 3 mature trees down illegally on Borough's property. Need recommendation as to where to plant the new trees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.17 pm.

The next meeting will be September 26 at 7.00 pm – Masonic Lodge

Respectfully submitted,

Yan Troizier –