

Hightstown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting

Meeting Date & Time: June 26, 2007 @ 7:30 p.m.

Meeting location: Hutchinson Educational Center, Historical Society

Attendees: David Zaiser, Yan Troizier, Gary Grubb and Ann Fischbach

Absent: Roger Cook, Barbara Jones, Paul Byrne, Ryan Rosenberg, Chris Toelg and Chayna Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by committee member David Zaiser. Meeting started late due to concerns of community member regarding trees planted on Oak Lane. David Zaiser moved to approve the agenda and Yan Troizier seconded. Agenda approved.

David Zaiser 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.

David Zaiser moved that the minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting be approved and Gary Grubb seconded. Minutes approved.

Old business:

Pesticide Free zones:

Nothing new to report.

Mercer Street revitalization plan:

Nothing new to report.

Solar Power Initiative:

On hold.

2007 Budget:

No changes.

Street Shade Tree matters:

Citizen attended meeting and expressed concerns about the height of the trees recently planted on Oak Lane. David Zaiser will be sending information on tree planting requirements to concerned citizen.

David Zaiser had a meeting on 5.21.07 with JCP&L regarding the project of installation of new poles for the power lines. New height of 70 feet along Mercer Street and Route 33; 60 new poles to be installed.

Down town tree planting:

Three new trees were planted in June 2007.

Street renovation of Stockton - Historic District:

To be reviewed by David Zaiser and Yan Troizier.

Tree maintenance:

Nothing done since the last meeting.

Oak Lane trees:

Trees were planted in June 2007.

Greenway project:

No progress from earlier correspondence. Wyckoff area of Greenway was treated for weeds by Gary Grubb.

Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison:

A request for funding for Memorial park was made. This is the last phase of the revitalization project. Donation for Dawes Park in the amount of \$1,500 was made by the Masonic Lodge. Perennials were planted in Rocky Brook Park.

High School Landscaping:

Need to find a replacement for Kristin Waller.

Omni Report:

Ann Fischbach spoke with Candace Gallagher and she will try to retrieve report from archives.

2007 EC Goals:

1 - Municipal Maintenance Plan and Survey:

Plan has to be completed by August 17, 2007.

2 - Greenway Development:

Nothing to report.

3 - Greenway brochure:

Ryan Rosenberg and Barbara Jones are working on it. David Zaiser will provide Borough's map to Ryan Rosenberg for inclusion in the brochure.

4 - Community Awareness:

Barbara Jones wants to include some small articles in the Hightstown Crier, about trees, watering practices, gardening tips, etc. Members voted on the type of buttons to be made. One will promote the Hightstown Clean and Green Team. No design has been determined at this time for the second one.

5- Environmental Commission responsibilities:

Ann Fischbach to inquire about getting ANJEC EC handbooks for committee members.

New Business:

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for July 24, 2007.