

Hightstown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting

Meeting Date & Time: July 24, 2007 @ 7:30 p.m.

Meeting location: Hutchinson Educational Center, Historical Society

Attendees: Barbara Jones, David Zaiser, Paul Byrne, Ryan Rosenberg, Ann Fischbach and Gary Grubb.

Absent: Roger Cook, Yan Troizier, Chris Toelg and Chayna Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Vice-chairman Barbara Jones. Barbara Jones moved to approve the agenda and David Zaiser seconded. Agenda approved.

Barabara Jones 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 June 26, 2007 meeting be approved and Ann Fischbach seconded. Minutes approved.

Old business:

Pesticide Free zones:

Paul Byrne to get name of woman who spoke to the group about pesticide free zones.

Solar Power Initiative:

Public works is working on plans.

2007 Budget:

No changes.

Street Shade Tree matters:

Nothing new to report.

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:

Turco access agreement signed. (Phase II)

Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison:

Two dead trees identified in Association Park. Concerts being held in the park this summer.

High School Landscaping:

Need to find a replacement for Kristin Waller. Paul Byrne to contact Hightstown High School environmental club for potential replacement.

Omni Report:

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

2007 EC Goals:

1 - Municipal Maintenance Plan and Survey:

Plan has to be completed by August 17, 2007. David Zaiser completed and sent to EC members for review on August 3, 2007.

2 - Greenway Development:

See above.

3 - Greenway brochure:

Ryan Rosenberg presented "draft" brochure to EC. David Zaiser provided Borough's map to Ryan Rosenberg for inclusion in the brochure.

4 - Community Awareness:

Two designs were chosen for buttons. EC voted to have meeting in August to allow more time to discuss the October 6, 2007 Hightstown Harvest Community Fair.

5- Environmental Commission responsibilities:

Ann Fischbach inquired about getting ANJEC EC handbooks for committee members. These will be distributed by ANJEC during the October 23, 2007 EC meeting. ANJEC will be outlining EC responsibilities.

David Zaiser to request ordinances from Candace Gallagher regarding EC responsibilities.

New Business:

No new planning Board applications for review.

Local issue surrounding grass height was brought to the attention of the EC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for August 28, 2007.