

Hightstown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting

Meeting Date & Time: August 28, 2007 @ 7:30 p.m.

Meeting location: Hutchinson Educational Center, Historical Society

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

Absent: Roger Cook and Chayna Wilson.

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

Barbara 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 July 24, 2007 meeting be approved and Gary Grubb seconded. Minutes approved.

Old business:

Pesticide Free zones:

Paul Byrne provided name to Gary Grubb to try and get signs donated by Jane Nogaki, the Pesticide Program Coordinator with the NJ Environmental Federation (856) 767-1110.

Solar Power Initiative:

Public works is working on plans.

2007 Budget:

No changes.

Street Shade Tree matters:

Need to do preliminary survey of Lincoln, status of trees. David Zaiser to speak to Carmela Roberts to see plan on tree planning, Borough may be owed 3-4 trees.

Greenway project:

Turco access agreement signed. (Phase II)

Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison:

Two dead trees identified in Association Park. David Zaiser to send recommendation to Carmela Roberts. Super deck walkway in Rocky Brook Park to be completed in 2007 with approximately 33K of unused money.

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. Awaiting response.

2007 EC Goals:

1 - Municipal Maintenance Plan and Survey:

Plan submitted by David Zaiser in August of 2007.

2 - Greenway Development:

See above.

3 - Greenway brochure:

Ryan Rosenberg presented "draft" brochure to EC. Need to identify Greenway routes. Donation by Alex Perit of \$200 to be used towards printing Greenway brochure.

4 - Community Awareness:

Two designs were chosen for buttons, Barbara Jones to order. Responsibilities for Hightstown Harvest Community Fair on October 6, 2007 include; Barbara Jones to purchase tent and bring one tablecloth and buttons, Ann Fischbach to bring 8 chairs, tablecloth, baskets for buttons, crayons and snacks, David Zaiser to bring two tables and snacks, Ryan Rosenberg to bring two easels to hold posters, coloring books and Greenway brochures. Need to finalize time slots at next meeting.

5- Environmental Commission responsibilities:

ANJEC will be outlining EC responsibilities during the October 23, 2007 EC meeting.

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

New Business:

No new planning Board applications for review.

Ryan Rosenberg and Jeff Bond met with Bob Raymond, property manager of Krauszer's on behalf of the property owner, Jim McKenna. They want to work with the Borough to improve the aesthetics of the corner parking lot. Ryan Rosenberg to work with Yan Troizer to develop a plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for September 25, 2007.