

Hightstown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting

Meeting Date & Time: May 27, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.

Meeting location: Hutchinson Educational Center, Historical Society

Attendees: Barbara Jones, David Zaiser, Paul Byrne, Ann Fischbach, Gary Grubb, Yan Troizer , Mellany Alio.

Absent: Ryan Rosenberg and Veronica Furman

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Chairman Barbara Jones. David Zaiser moved to approve the agenda and Gary Grubb 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.

Yan Troizer moved that the minutes of the April 22, 2008 meeting be approved and Ann Fischbach seconded. Minutes approved.

Old business:

2008 Budget: \$300 budget. Ryan Rosenberg donated his Council salary to the EC. Need to develop ways for EC to become self sufficient i.e. fundraising, grants, etc.

Street Shade Tree matters: Cub Scouts to begin tree counting in June 08. Approximately 37 trees planted in town. Need to continue to mulch and stake trees. There is a possibility of planting 3 additional trees downtown.

Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison: Triathlon planned for September 08.

Fertilizer and Stream Corridor ordinances: Barbara Jones working with SBMWS.

EC members: Two new members appointed by Mayor Patten; Esther Velaquez and Dave Gorzalek. Looking into getting Mellany Allio appointed as a full member versus an alternate.

Master Plan: Appendix to Master Plan being completed by Paul Byrne.

Environmental Commission website: High School student named Clarence to help with website.

Gypsy moths: Yan Troizer working on DEP count.

2008 EC Goals:

1. Street Trees, Municipal Maintenance Plan and Survey. Plan submitted by David Zaiser in August of 2007. Plan approved. Plan requires that we complete survey of all the trees in the Borough in 2008. Local Boy Scout Troop may help with this project.
2. Greenway Development (Phase II) - Markers have been ordered. Contract calls for 12 markers along the Greenway.
3. Lake and Stream Pollution. Potential town meeting regarding Peddie Lake with local residents.
4. Idling ordinance: What are the specifics and is this enforceable? This is a secondary offense.
5. Hightstown Harvest Community Fair, 10 am to 4 pm October 11, 2008 with rain date of October 12, 2008. Ann Fischbach and Mellany Allio to coordinate guest speakers/demos during Fair. Hightstown Ecology Club could potentially donate buttons. Potential guests include Master Gardener. Items for Fair to include; coloring book & compost bins.

New Business:

Planning board application submitted on behalf of the Peddie School.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2008. Barbara Jones will not be in attendance.