

Hightstown Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting

Meeting Date & Time: June 24, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.

Meeting location: Hutchinson Educational Center, Historical Society

Attendees: David Zaiser, Gary Grubb, Ann Fischbach, Yan Troizer, Esther Velazquez and David O'Gorzalek

Absent: Barbara Jones, Ryan Rosenberg, Paul Byrne, Mellany Alio and Veronica Furman

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

Yan Troizer 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.

Dave Zaiser moved that the minutes of the May 27, 2008 meeting be approved and YanTroizer seconded. Minutes approved.

Esther Velazquez and David O'Gorzalek were welcomed as new members.

2008 current 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 began tree counting in June of 2008. Street tree inventory to be completed by Fall of 2008. Approximately 38 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 28, 2008.
- Concerns regarding dog droppings in Association Park not being picked up by pet owners. Need letter citing local ordinance to be distributed to area homeowners.
- Five new paddle boats have been purchased by Parks & Recreation.

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

Environmental Commission website: High School student named Clarence to help with website in the Fall of 2008.

Gypsy moths: Yan Troizer working on DEP count.

Greenway Development (Phase II) – Markers have been ordered. Contract calls for 12 markers along the Greenway. Plaque for tree planed in memory of Roger Cook has arrived, needs to be

installed by Public Works.

Lake and Stream Pollution. Potential town meeting regarding Peddie Lake with local residents.

Idling ordinance: What are the specifics and is this enforceable? This is a secondary offense.

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:

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2008.