

Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

Meeting Date/Time October 25, 2011 / 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Fire house, 2nd floor

Attendees: Barbara Jones, Chair

 Gary Grubb

 David Zaiser

 Donna LePrevost

 Keith LePrevost

Guests included:

 Joan McGee (Stony Brook Watershed), Walter Sullivan,
 and Christian Rothborne, Americorp Volunteer

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by the Chair, Barbara Jones

The Chair announced the meeting conformed to the Open Meetings Act stating its date, time and location advertised in the Borough's newspapers of record.

1.0 Agenda Approval. The agenda was moved by David Zaiser and seconded by Yan Trozier and unanimously approved.

2.0 Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and moved by Gary Grubb and seconded by Donna LePrevost and unanimously approved.

3.0 Shade Tree Matters.

3.1 David reported there has been no activity during the last month except that the two trees on Park Avenue will be replaced soon.

4.0 Parks and Recreation.

4.1 The storm damaged a lot of the walkway in the Bank street park. We are looking to assemble a team of people to repair and reset the walkway.

5.0 Snow Removal and Dumping.

5.1 Keith passed out a 6 page document for the commission to consider. Barbara discussed the meeting with the Turnpike. Gary discussed the new skating rink that is going into the Bank Street Park parking lot. .

6.0 Fall and Spring Cleanup

6.1 November 5th at 10:30 we will meet in Association Park to plant the Girl Scouts Tree. 11:00AM we will reassemble in the Municipal lot and spread out for the fall clean up.

6.2 The spring clean up will be on the 3rd weekend in April and be coordinated by the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed.

Joan McGee discussed the 2005 federal mandate to all municipalities to enact a statewide storm water management plan. The ordinance never covered small parcels less than 1 acre like is typical in Hightstown. Joan suggested the ordinance could be revised to reduce the lot and disturbance area from one acre to 2500 square feet in Hightstown. Joan will complete the ordinance in the coming week and Barbara will attempt to get the ordinance on the next council agenda. Items to be considered:

- Reducing the pedestrian walk way limit from 14' to 6'. Approved by the commission.
- Impervious cover triggers to be set at 250 square feet of impervious cover or 1000 square feet of soil disturbance. Approved by the commission

Joan will devise the appropriate checklist to the ordinance. We will work with the council to set the appropriate fee structure for the application process.

7.0 Meeting Conclusion.

7.1 The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.