

Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: July 24, 2012 / 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Meeting Room
First Aid Squad Building

Attendees:

	Yan Troizier (Vice-Chair)
	Gary Grubb
	David Zaiser (STO)
	Terry Parliaros
	Donna LePrevost
	Keith LePrevost
Council Liason	Gail Doran
High School Liason	AAkanksha Malesha
Planning Board	Steve Misura
Public	

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Vice Chair, Yan Troizier.

The Vice Chair announced that the meeting conformed to the Open Meetings Act having its date, time and location advertised in the Borough newspapers of record.

Discussion Summary:

1.0 Agenda Approval

- 1.1 The agenda was moved by David and seconded by Donna. The agenda was approved.

2.0 Approval of Minutes for meeting of the June 19th meeting.

- 2.1 The minutes were moved by Donna and seconded by Terry. The minutes were approved as read.

3.0 Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI)

- 3.1 Gail reported the ERI have made its way through planning board and will be on the council agenda on August 6th. There are some small language changes to be corrected, but the document as a whole can be approved. The changes are a formality, and Gail will look into what they are and why they are necessary.

4.0 Storm water Ordinance

- 4.1 The storm water ordinance has made it through the planning board and now council has introduced the ordinance. The second reading and public comment is at the next meeting. Keith, Yan, David and Gary have volunteered to handle the review of any applications and make the recommendations.

5.0 Shade Tree Report

- 5.1 David met with Kenny and reviewed the 2008 memo and work order on Association Park. Gail noted to David there are several dead branches that have fallen in the park. The board had a general discussion on the state of the trees and the mild winter and now tough summer and the stress those seasons have put on our trees.
- 5.2 David discussed the trees on Stockton and Summit streets. The trees were cut back during the construction and there is some die back. 11 Trees will be planted on Summit to replace the ones that were lost or damaged.

6.0 Parks and Recreation Liaison

- 6.1 Stony Brook Millstone Watershed program of exploring with young people around the Rock Brook. They did a tour discovering the flora and fauna with good attendance. Methods of advertising the Parks and Rec events were discussed.
- 6.2 Sleeper stones. Keith asked Gary if the sleeper stones that are behind the grave yard could be moved and used along RR avenue. They would be used next to the Greenway and would complement the "Sleeper display" that is on RR Avenue. Gary thinks this is a good idea and will talk to Kenny and facilitate.

7.0 High School Liaison

- 7.1 Aakanksha talked about the outdoor classroom project at the high school and possible locations. She discussed recycling and how she does not believe the recyclables are being handled properly and they are just being mixed with the trash. Gail recommends she draft a letter to the school board to determine where the waste and recycling are taken. Once that determination is made, we can move forward. Gail suggested the High School environmental club get a booth at the Harvest Fair.

8.0 Sustainable Jersey Grant update:

- 8.1 Keith discussed the status of the grant. The applications are being reviewed in the month of August and the final determinations will be made by mid September. David is working on the base plans for the rain garden and will coordinate with Yan on the planting plan.

9.0 New business

- 9.1 Keith discussed the need to focus our efforts this year on getting certified by Sustainable Jersey. There are several areas we can persue to gain points for certification. We will continue to discuss in coming meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.

The next meeting will be August 28, 2012, at 7:30 PM at the First Aid Squad Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Keith LePrevost

August 22, 2012

Distribution: Environmental Commission, Borough Clerk