

Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: March 28, 2012 / 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Meeting Room
First Aid Squad Building
Attendees: Barbara Jones (Chair)
Yan Troizier (Vice-Chair)
Gary Grubb
David Zaiser (STO)
Gail Doran (Council Liaison)
Donna LePrevost
Keith LePrevost

Public: Isabel McGinty

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair, Barbara Jones.

The 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. Motion for approval by Keith LePrevost, seconded by David Zaiser. Unanimously approved.

2.0 Approval of Minutes for meeting of the February, 2012. Gail Doran noted in the February Minutes the reference should be made to the "Route 33 Corridor Revitalization Plan". Minutes of the February will be modified as suggested. Motion for approval by Yan Troizier, seconded by Donna LePrevost. Unanimously approved.

3.0 Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI)

3.1 The meeting is being postponed due to revisions that are being addressed at the DVRPC. The final version will be presented to the Environmental Commission in April and to the planning board in May. Barbara will provide a link for the members to access the draft. Barbara Jones is also working with Dan Buriak in the Historical Commission to address some issues.

4.0 Stormwater Ordinance

4.1 Due to vacations, not much has been accomplished. The engineer is working on revisions. Keith LePrevost expressed concerns regarding the latest version of the ordinance, and Barbara Jones conferred it lacks some of the points that are important, but compromise was needed to get something done.

5.0 Shade Tree Report

- 5.1 Tree pruning has been scheduled on 2nd Avenue
- 5.2 2 donated trees will be planted in Dawes Park.

5.3 Keith LePrevost commented that 2 dead trees need to be removed in Association Park. David Zaiser will speak to Kenny about the tree work.

5.4 David Zaiser noted we are in the final stages of approval for being named "Tree City USA."

6.0 Parks and Recreation Liaison

6.1 Gary Grubb received a call from Jeff Hogeland of the Stony Brook Watershed. They would like to work toward a closer relationship between Hightstown and the Stony Brook Watershed. Jeff wants to be more involved with the lake and Rocky Brook- Perhaps initiate nature tours along the lake.

7.0 Spring Cleanup

7.1 Clean-up Day. Scheduled for Saturday, April 21^s 9AM to noon, starting from the Police Station parking lot. Sponsored by the Stonybrook Millstone Watershed Association, which will recruit volunteers. Public is welcome.

8.0 NJ Fertilizer Law

9.0 New Business

9.1 Route 33 Corridor Meeting on 14 March. The project covers Rt130 to Summit Street. 84% of the project is in East Windsor. The site contains large wetland areas, and the proposed plans contain walking and bike paths.

9.2 Environmental Fair. Mr. Isleib noted that the St. Anthony's of Padua Church is sponsoring an Environmental Fair on Saturday, April 14th form 9AM to noon at the church. Keith , Donna and Yan will volunteer to man our table.

9.3 Earth Day/Arbor Day- April 27th. The members decided to hold the Arbor Day event right after the April 21st clean up. Isabelle will draft up the Arbor Day Resolution and Gail will submit to the Council for the April 16th meeting. Also the April 16th Council meeting is the Volunteer Appreciation meeting.

9.4 Planning Board Application. Barbara will draft recommendation to the planning board.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.

The next meeting will be April 24th, 2012, at 7:30 PM at the First Aid Squad Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Keith LePrevost

March 28, 2012

Distribution: Environmental Commission, Borough Clerk