

Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: September 26, 2012 / 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Meeting Room
First Aid Squad Building

Attendees: Barbara Jones (Chair)
Yan Troizier (Vice-Chair)
Gary Grubb
Donna LePrevost
Keith LePrevost

High School Liaison Aakanksha Malesha

Planning Board Steve Misiura
Public

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 forwarded by Donna and Seconded by Keith.
The agenda was approved.

2.0 Approval of Minutes for meeting of the August, 201 2.

2.1 The minutes were forwarded by Yan and seconded by Keith.
The minutes were approve as written.

3.0 Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI)

3.1 The ERI has been paid for and reimbursed. Keith has the
full size maps from the ERI and will mount them on boards.

4.0 Stormwater Grant

4.1 No word at this time as to the status of the grant. Keith
will inform the commission when he receives notice.

5.0 Shade Tree Report

5.1 No report from the STO, Yan noted the seeding was redone on
Summit and we just need the 11 trees to be planted.

6.0 Planning Board

6.1 Steve went over the Sustainable Jersey pledge he just received this past Monday. He does not think they will be able to add it to their agenda this month, but will bring it up in discussion. The Sustainable Jersey Deadline is now January 4th, so he is confident they will be able to get it done by that date.

7.0 Parks and Recreation Liaison

7.1 The fire truck in Association Park has been painted and the mulch has been spread. The balance of the playground equipment will be arriving in the next couple weeks.

7.2 The Stage project in Association Park is scheduled to start in the next couple weeks.

8.0 Fall Cleanup

8.1 The annual fall clean up will be on November 4th at 1PM. Aakanksha will inform her High School Group for volunteers.

8.2 The Spring Clean up will be scheduled on either April 20th or 27th. We will combine this with our "Shredding Party". We will organize and fundraise for the cost of the shredder. The anticipated expense will be approximately \$1200 dollars and we should focus on businesses in town to donate.

9.0 Harvest Fair

9.1

10.0 High School Liaison

10.1 IDEAS FOR STUDENT LIASON PROJECT

Aakanksha Malesha (Student Liaison)

Hightstown Environmental Council

1) Following the "Paper Trail"

- There are rumors that the recyclable waste at Hightstown High school is not being properly recycled
- Goal: Follow where the trash goes after it is taken by custodial staff
- Gather Statistics and information regarding the issue and write a letter to administration to get the issue resolved

2) "Green Businesses"

- Goal: to make Hightstown more "Green" (by being environmentally friendly and promoting sustainability) overall by starting with local businesses, specifically downtown
- Survey each business and ask questions about current practices (ex. recycling habits, energy use and other things)
- Come up with individual solutions and goals for businesses
- Have a contest for which business can be the most "green"
- What is a good incentive for businesses to participate? Perhaps some sort of prize?

Also:

- A) Photo for project green presentation
- B) Project Green subcommittees will help work on these projects

10.2

11.0 New Business

11.1 Barbara noted the trash boom in timber Run is totally shot and she asked Donna in Public Works to order a new one. Gary seems to think we already have a new one in the Public works building that was never installed. Gary will check on this.

11.2 Cappie Stultz has been speaking to Joan McGee at the watershed about dredging Peddie Lake. He is convinced that if the lake were dredged it would eliminate flooding. Barbara will do some research and get back to him.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

The next meeting will be October 23, 2012, at 7:30 PM at the First Aid Squad Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Keith LePrevost

September 26, 2012

Distribution: Environmental Commission, Borough Clerk