

Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: October 23, 2012 / 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Meeting Room
First Aid Squad Building

Attendees: Barbara Jones (Chair)
Yan Troizier (Vice-Chair)
David Zaiser
Donna LePrevost
Keith LePrevost
Terry Parliaros

High School Liaison Absent

Planning Board Absent

Council Liaison Gail Doran

Public Emily Obrien
Elizabeth Lintier
Alexa Emery
Karen Niebo, GNR PTO

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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:

Emily, Elizabeth and Alexa presented Barbara with a gift for mentoring them this year while working on their silver badges. They also purchased \$50 dollars worth of young trees that will be planted in the spring.

Kara Niebo is planning on building a community organic vegetable and flower garden at the Grace Norton Rogers School. It will be incorporated into the science program to get students involved. Several of the commissioners had suggestions for having materials and supplies donated to get the program going. Barbara recommended AAkanksha be involved from the High School.

1.0 Agenda Approval

1.1 The agenda was forwarded by Keith and Seconded by David.
The agenda was approved.

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

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

3.0 Shade Tree Report

3.1 9 trees have been planted on summit Street. 2 are missing and David will follow up to find out where they are. David talked about a couple homeowners that are upset with their tree. 2 calls about Asplundh and their work on the street

trees. Ryan Rosenberg is being reminded that he owes the town 4 trees to replace the 2 sycamores he removed. There are 4 dead trees on Stockton that need to be replaced. Keith asked David to look at the large oak that was damaged during the installation of the new playground equipment. Gary and Barbara got 8 CEU's for attending a conference that count toward our Shade tree certification.

4.0 Land Use Pledge

4.1 Barbara sent out an e-mail to council regarding the land use pledge. She got a lot of responses, most of which are positive.

5.0 Sustainable Jersey

5.1 All required documents will be submitted to Sustainable Jersey by November 15th.

6.0 Timber Run

6.1 The trash boom has not been installed. Donna from public works says it has, but it has not. Barbara will follow up.

7.0 Fall Cleanup

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

7.2 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.

8.0 Spring Shredder Event

8.1 We are having trouble getting through, Donna suggested we contact E.W. and see who they used. Keith can contact 1st Constitution to see who they use.

9.0 Other Discussion

9.1 The November meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled for a Joint Nov/Dec meeting on December 4th.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Gail discussed Carmella's report on the Turnpike. She feels there are major problems with the plans and the

calculations they used. David noted the federal EPA reviewed the site and has not formally responded yet.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

The next meeting will be December 4, 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