

Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: October 22, 2013 / 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Community Room
Hightstown Housing Authority
Attendees: Barbara Jones

Gary Grubb
David Zaiser (STO)
Terry Parliaros
Donna LePrevost
Keith LePrevost
Jeremy Everett
Gail Doran

High School Liaison Not present

Public

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by the 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

1.1 David motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Gary.
Approved.

2.0 Approval of Minutes for meeting of the April 23rd^h meeting.

2.1 David motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Donna.
Approved.

3.0 Shade Tree

3.1 David discussed 303 Summit. The large maple needs to be removed.

4.0 Parks and Recreation.

4.1 There is currently a proposal to put a splash park in Rocky Brook Park. There was a lot of discussion regarding the viability of this type of active recreation for kids, the placement in an environmentally sensitive park, maintenance of such a structure. The commission recommends a joint project in Rocky Brook to refurbish the park including removing the run down trailers, rebuilding the walkways, BBQ areas and passive recreation.

5.0 Harvest Fair

5.1 We had a very good response from our booth. People were truly interested in what we are doing and the materials we are providing. The commission discussed cooperation with the Harvest Fair and how the E.C. can help them. It was suggested we have reps from each commission attend the Harvest Fair meetings to provide ideas and coordinate between groups.

6.0 Sustainable Jersey

6.1 Keith and Barbara will present the Storm water presentation at the Sustainable Jersey event in AC in November.

7.0 ANJEC Workshops

7.1 Keith and Donna attended the annual ANJEC Environmental Congress in Edison and accepted our award for the storm water project.

8.0 Sustainable Jersey Grant.

8.1 This years round of funding is coming up in October. Keith suggested we consider replacing the paths in Association park with pervious paving- 3/8" compacted gravel was suggested.

9.0 Cheesecake Fundraiser

9.1 Terry reviewed the details on how the event works. We have several options for fundraisers during the event including a 50/50, silent auction or raffle.

10.0 Other business

10.1 November 16th at 9:00AM we will meet to have a working morning in Rocky Brook Park. Trimming cleaning and working on the paths.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.

The next meeting will be December 17th, at 7:30 PM at the Housing Authority Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Keith LePrevost

October 29, 2013

Distribution: Environmental Commission, Borough Clerk