

Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: September 24th, 2013 / 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Community Room
Hightstown Housing Authority

Attendees: Barbara Jones
Yan Troizier (Vice-Chair)
Gary Grubb
David Zaiser (STO)

Donna LePrevost
Keith LePrevost
Jeremy Everett
Gail Doran, Council Liaison

High School Liaison Absent

Public Steve Misiura, Planning Board Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 Gary motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by David.
Approved.

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

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

3.0 Council Update- Borough Hall

3.1 Gail Doran gave the commission an update on the Borough Hall presentation and the opportunity the Commission has to shape the development of the project. All of the proposed plans will include more open space, and the Council will be open to any and all suggestions. Nothing is set in stone at this point, and all suggestions and comments are welcome. Several members voiced opinions on the proposed project, and volunteers will be sought when the project begins.

4.0 Shade Tree

4.1 David discussed 553 Main Street. 55" maple that is in bad shape, David advised it is on the owners property.

- 4.2 340 Summitt- tree hit by a car. David is in discussions with the borough to replace it.
- 4.3 David reviewed the trees on Academy Street that are part of the Habitat project. All are on private property.

5.0 Parks and Recreation.

- 5.1 Gary reported the community gardens are done for the year. There was a tree trimming discussion- focusing on the trees on Main Street, especially near the alley.

6.0 High School Liaison

- 6.1 We do not currently have a High School Liaison, Barbara will reach out to see if there is a volunteer.

7.0 Peddie Lake (and other topics)

- 7.1 There is a lot of activity behind the mill property, with drilling equipment and drums of chemicals. Joan has alerted the DEP and will get back to us with answers.

8.0 ANJEC Workshops

- 8.1 The September 10th workshop was well attended and a huge success for Hightstown.

9.0 Other grants.

- 9.1 Barbara want us to consider grants for the following projects:
- Apply for plantings along Peddie Lake to reduce the runoff of bacteria from animal droppings
 - Storm water education focused on children and young adults. Develop a program and materials that can be presented to young children and young adults focusing on storm water.
 - Keith mentioned partnering with East Windsor's EC to collaborate on larger grant opportunities such as extending and completing the Greenway.
 - Gary suggested we discuss the completion of the Peddie Bridge with the new headmaster. Barbara will follow up.

10.0 Other business

- 10.1 Harvest Fair. Barbara discussed the Harvest Fair and compiled a list of volunteers.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

The next meeting will be October 22, 2013 PM at the Housing Authority Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Keith LePrevost

September 26, 2013

Distribution: Environmental Commission, Borough Clerk