

Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: May 28th, 2013 / 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Community Room
Hightstown Housing Authority
Attendees: Barbara Jones
Yan Troizier (Vice-Chair)
Gary Grubb
David Zaiser (STO)
Terry Parliaros
Donna LePrevost
Keith LePrevost
Jeremy Everett
Gail Doran, Council Liaison
Steve Misiura, Planning Board
High School Liaison Aakanksha Malesha

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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 Keith motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by David.
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 110 Broad Street. Homeowner want to severely prune the tree, Yan will look at it and advise.

3.2 Gary discussed the Saw Tooth oaks on Summit. They have been severely damaged by the utility crews, David will review for possible severe pruning.

4.0 Parks and Recreation.

4.1 Gary reported the community gardens are up and running, all the pots and planters are planted. Barbara talked to Bob Duncan regarding the paddle boats this summer. We need to have at least 2 people present at any given time while we are in charge of the boats.

5.0 High School Liaison

- 5.1 Aakanksha proposed we do a Rain Barrel workshop, Keith suggested that if she were to consider that, to get Rutgers involved. They have all the tools and materials and provide instruction.
- 5.2 Another consideration was wasted food recycling. The difficulty is in the transport and storage of the food products, given the varied times the local business's close. She will talk to pastor Heidi, the VFW and Reverend Woods to get some ideas on how this will work.

6.0 Sustainable Jersey

- 6.1 No progress to report.

7.0 ANJEC Workshops

- 7.1 Keith and Donna plan on attending the June 18th workshop.

8.0 Sustainable Jersey Grant Status.

- 8.1 Keith reported that he has completed and sent off the final report for the Storm Water Grant. Keith spoke to the reviewer to confirm they have received the submission.

9.0 Other grants.

- 9.1 Barbara want us to consider grants and other sources of funds for the EC. Keith mentioned that we will need a large project this year if we want to participate in the Sustainable Jersey/PSEG small grants program again. Keith wants to pursue a grant to do a pilot project for Hightstown to reduce the overall water consumption in town. He noted that with the minor changes the HA has made, they have reduced their water consumption by 20%. He would like to try a town wide project to reduce consumption.

10.0 Other business

- 10.1 Gail mentioned there are trash and oil boom still in the rocky Brook from the small oil spill. Barbara will talk to Kenny to get them removed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.

The next meeting will be June 25, at 7:30 PM at the Housing Authority Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Keith LePrevost

May 29, 2013

Distribution: Environmental Commission, Borough Clerk