

Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: January 22, 2013 / 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Community Room
Hightstown Housing Authority

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

High School Liaison absent

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 Donna motioned to approve the agenda which was seconded by Yan. The motion was approved.

2.0 Approval of Minutes for meeting of the January 8th organizational meeting.

- 2.1 Donna motioned to approve the minutes which were seconded by Keith. The motion was approved.

3.0 Sustainable Jersey

- 3.1 All of our documents were submitted, we should hear something by January 29th.

4.0 Timber Run Trash boom.

- 4.1 Nothing has been done. Public works has promised to complete this for the last 6 months.

5.0 Spring Cleanup

- 5.1 The annual spring clean up is scheduled for April 20th from 9AM to 11AM, the annual Arbor Day tree planting will follow at 11AM to noon. In the afternoon we will have our annual "Shredder Event" from 1-4PM. The parking lot across from Building 6 of the Housing Authority will be used for the event. Keith will secure access to the parking lot.

6.0 Sustainable Jersey Grant

- 6.1 Keith gave an update on the work being done. It was suggested that mailboxes be installed at each location with brochures for easy access.

7.0 Florescent bulb recycling

- 7.1 Barbara found a place where we can dispose of the bulbs 2 times per year. You need to be a municipality, so we will need to work with Kenny to drop off the bulbs. Barbara will do this.

8.0 Shade Tree

- 8.1 David discussed our CEU's for 2012. He feels we may be a bit short of credits, so everyone look into whatever they have done over the year and get the info to him.
- 8.2 We have planted several trees this past year including 2 trees donated by the Girl Scouts, 2 Arbor Day trees and the large Christmas tree donated by Dan Buriak.

9.0 Planning Board Items

- 9.1 Borough Hall
- Recommend structured drainage channels under where the grass strip is being removed and a rain garden along the back of the Ely House. Add 5 trees at the lower portion of the parking area.
- 9.2 High School
- Combination of small rain garden and drywells- good student project
 - Football field- refer to Carmella. The commissioners discussed the changes to the football field and the were not able to determine the drainage needed and what existed. This needs further review.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 None discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.

The next meeting will be February 19, at 7:30 PM at the Housing Authority Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Keith LePrevost

January 28, 2013

Distribution: Environmental Commission, Borough Clerk