

# **Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission**

## **Environmental Commission Meeting**

Meeting Date/Time: July 22, 2014 / 7:00 PM  
Meeting Location: Community Room  
Hightstown Housing Authority  
Attendees: Keith LePrevost  
Yan Troizier (Vice-Chair)  
Gary Grubb  
Donna LePrevost  
Robert Thibult, Council Liaison

Public:

Nathaniel Crabtree,  
Todd Crabtree  
Beverly Mann

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by the Vice Chair, Keith LePrevost

The Vice 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 Yan motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Donna.  
Approved.

#### **2.0 Approval of Minutes for meeting of the April 23rd<sup>h</sup> meeting.**

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

#### **3.0 Shade Tree**

3.1 David was not present for his report, Gary commented on a couple trees, notably the Beech in Memorial park. Keith discussed the need to document our tree CEU's for the year.

#### **4.0 Sustainable Jersey**

4.1 Keith discussed the progress that has been made and the work that is being done to add to our point total. Key elements are required and all are in process. For the benefit of the public Gary asked Keith to elaborate on Sustainable Jersey and what the certification may be able to do for our town in the future.

## **5.0 Parks and Recreation.**

- 5.1 Gary discussed the peddle boats and the need for a shelter on the boat dock ramp side of the lake.
- 5.2 Gary discussed the community gardens and how well they are doing this year. Keith commented he placed the community gardens on the EC Facebook page. (Sustainable Jersey documentation)

## **6.0 Chair Updates**

- 6.1 Gary discussed the meeting he and Barbara had with representatives of East Windsor. We are making progress towards completing the links on the greenway. Further discussions are planned and more details will come out in the coming months.

## **7.0 Eagle Scout Project**

- 7.1 Nathaniel resubmitted his project to the commission for approval. Keith thanked him for modifying his project to mirror the suggestions made by Barbara Jones. The commission questioned the sign posts- they are not aesthetically pleasing and need to be redesigned. Keith recommended he have Rick Pratt review the language on the signs, although Bob and Kathy Patten have the most knowledge on the subject, Rick is the Chair of the HPC and is taking a keen interest in anything that is being done along the old RR basin. The commission approved the project with the comments for Nathaniel to redesign the sign posts. He agreed and will contact Keith with the redesign.

## **8.0 Harvest Fair**

- 8.1 Keith discussed the Harvest Fair and how it is approaching very quickly. He suggested we still hold our August meeting to solidify our plans for the fair. All agreed. We are going with the theme suggested by Barbara Jones on trees, and the carbon impact. We are going to come to the next meeting ready to put together materials and ideas for our booth.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18PM.

The next meeting will be August 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Housing Authority Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Keith LePrevost

July 23, 2014

Distribution: Environmental Commission, Borough Clerk