

Borough of Hightstown Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: May 27th, 2014 / 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: Community Room
Hightstown Housing Authority
Attendees: Barbara Jones
Gary Grubb
Donna LePrevost
Keith LePrevost

High School Liaison none

Public: Beverly Mann, Nathaniel Crabtree

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, seconded by Keith.
Approved.

2.0 Approval of Minutes for meeting of the April 22rd meeting.

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

3.0 Shade Tree

4.0 Parks and Recreation.

4.1 Gary reported the community garden is up and running, Parks and Rec is considering buying new peddle boats and an enclosure to keep them during the summer months. Barbara will send out the schedule for the summer peddle boat volunteers.

5.0 Peddie Greenway Bridge

5.1 Barbara and Gary met with representatives of the Peddie School regarding the walking bridge on the Greenway. They are scheduled to meet with Mayor Mironov to discuss.

6.0 Sustainable Jersey

6.1 Keith has submitted the application totaling 355 points. He is fairly confident we will achieve Bronze certification this year.

7.0 Eagle Scout Project

- 7.1 Nathaniel Crabtree presented his project to the commission. There were questions regarding the signs and the consistency with the balance of the signage that has been done. Also, the commission expressed concern with the deletion of the weeding and clean up portion of the project. Nathaniel will forward pictures to Keith of the signs.

8.0 Other business

- 8.1 Beverly Mann spoke about the bridge that is going to be replaced by the County starting this summer. The opening under Maxwell Street is currently restrictive, causing flooding upstream. The new design does not appear to address this issue, and the residents are concerned. Barbara recommended she take the entire packet to Debbie (Clerk) to be included in next week's borough packet. Beverly needs to address the council, Barbara will attend.
- 8.2 The E-Coli bacteria problem in Peddie Lake was discussed. The Watershed has been testing the lake and has received 2 extremely high readings (in excess of 1000 when normal is 235). We have reached out the Watershed to see what the next steps are to investigate the cause of the problem.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

The next meeting will be June 24th, at 7:00 PM at the Housing Authority Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Keith LePrevost

May 28, 2014

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