

Borough of Hightstown

Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission Meeting

May 23, 2017

Masonic Lodge

Attendees: David Zaiser (STO, chairman), Gary Grubb, Yan Troizier
(secretary), Connor Montferrat (Council liaison), Todd

Absentees: Joanna Jackson, Joshua Jackson, Barbara Jones

The meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm by the Chair, David Zaiser.

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.

1.0 Agenda approval -

Yan Troizier motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Gary Grubb.

2.0 Approval of minutes -

No minutes to be approved –

3.0 Street Shade Tree matters

- 2 oak trees (located along Railroad Avenue) badly damaged by bacterial leaf scorch are set for removal at the Hightstown Housing Authority. Replacements to take place in the Fall 2017.
- Morgan Grill – 2 pear trees located in the front of the restaurant – owner would like to Remove them and replace them with the appropriate species. At his own expense.
- Numerous Okame cherry trees throughout the Borough suffered from a late freeze. Shade tree official will keep an eye on these trees.
- Tree ordinance – No change –
- Community Forestry Management Plan – It has been received by the State and is under Review. The Plan will be ready to meet the Sustainable Jersey November deadline.
- Arbor Day celebration – Good turn out to support the event.

4.0 Parks and Recreation

- Bank Street Park – The walkway going through the park was vandalized. Gary Grubb reported the incident to the Police Department.
- All plots in the Community Garden have been allocated.
- Dawes Park – the basketball court renovation has been approved.

5.0 Sustainable Jersey

- All existing documents from all members need to be transferred to Connor Montferrat

To be uploaded before June 4.

- Brown field sites - Update from Todd -

8 sites have been listed and classified based on several criteria including: Public health Risk, Potential for redevelopment, Ecological risk, Productive use.

6.0 Planning Board review

- Proposed rental property - Block 31 – Lot 6

David Zaiser will write a recommendation for Storm Water management, including the use of pervious paving, rain gardens and rain barrels.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00 pm.

The next meeting will be June 27 at 7.00 pm – Masonic Lodge

Respectfully submitted,

Yan Troizier –