

Borough of Hightstown
Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2020

Meeting Date and Time: August 25, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Hightstown Housing Authority Conference Room for Commissioners and Councilmembers; Conference Call-in for the public and Commission Liaisons

Attendees: Keith LePrevost (Chair)
Todd Frantz (Secretary)
Donna LePrevost
David Zaiser (Shade Tree Official)
Yan Troizier (Vice Chair)
Barbara Jones
Gary Grubb
Tom Musa

Conference Call Attendees: None

Absent: Susan Bluth (Council Liaison)
Jennifer Morgan (Peddie School Liaison)
Lia Mastropolo (Watershed Institute)
Leigh Isleib (Meadow Lakes Liaison)

Open Public Meetings Act Statement: In compliance with Chapter 213 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of the Annual Notice published in the Trenton Times and Princeton Packet by the Borough Clerk and posted on the Borough website.

Approval of Agenda: Donna motioned to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by David.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2020. Donna motioned to approve the minutes which was seconded by Gary.

Watershed discussion: New Jersey is pushing new approach to stormwater. Keith will ask representative from The Watershed to review the Borough's stormwater plans and evaluate what we can do to strengthen our stormwater plan; The Watershed will present findings at a future Environmental Commission meeting.

Shade Tree Matters:

- a. Shade Tree Official's Report: Owner of Morgan's Grill has asked if the EC would consider allowing them to remove four pear trees on the corner. The owner of Morgan's will pay for

planting of new trees. David, Yan and Tom will work to evaluate street tree options (species and locations).

- b. Lincoln/Hagemont/Rocky Brook update: 15 new trees will be planted by the Borough for the project.
- c. DEP Grant Update: Survey of existing trees on North and South Main Street is complete; identified more than 50 locations for new trees. David is working to get in touch with Mercer Co. as we need their support since these are county roads. Once we have county approval, David will send the plan to the State for approval. Grant is for \$14,000.
- d. David reached out to Kevin Scilbilia to update the Community Forestry Plan (updates are due every 5 years) which is required in 2021.

Parks and Recreation: Borough used wood chips from fallen limbs from recent storms to mulch walkways in Rocky Brook Park.

Planning Board Update: EC received Mill Project Plans. There is a lack of green space in the plan but there is a current lack of green space on the property. The plans include more trees than currently on the property. Keith will prepare a review summary and send to the EC members for review.

New Business:

- a. Working on a plan to pursue single use plastic ordinance.

Plan Review: Receiving plans for The Mill project.

Liaison Update:

- a. Meadow Lakes: no updates
- b. Peddie School: no updates
- c. Watershed Institute: no updates
- d. Hightstown High School: no updates

Correspondents, Conferences and Workshops: No updates

Calendar: All Borough events have been cancelled for the remainder of the year.

Next Meeting: The next EC meeting will be on September 22, 2020, 7:00 PM.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned.