

Highland Park Environmental Commission
Meeting of October 15, 2008
Minutes

Present: Steve Barnes, Arnold Henderson, Michael Rosenberg, Allan Williams
Councilman Jon Erickson

Absent: Jonathan Abrahams, Joan Ehrenfeld, Gabor Grunstein,

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM in the Environmental Education Center.
2. The minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. There was no correspondence.
4. There were no new site plans to review.
5. Old Business
 - a. Meadows Project - The Environmental Commission sent a memo to Borough Administrator Karen Waldron addressing point-by-point all of the issues addressed in the PMA Risk Management Report.
Steve Barnes and Allan Williams have been working with the Department of Public Works to clear and widen the Meadows Trail. The trail is now cleared so that it is at least 5 feet wide in most spots. DPW used a Bobcat borrowed from the Board of Education to level parts of the trail and to fill in some low spots. Wood chips are also being spread to give the trail a more finished look. \$764 of grant money has been spent for tools. Karen Waldron also gave the OK to purchase a message board for approximately \$1,000. A decision is still needed on how to proceed with signage for the site. The Finance Department will submit an interim report with year-to-date activity summary. A final report is due at the end of the project. Sunday November 2, is scheduled as a trail day for volunteers to rake and spread wood chips.
 - b. Environmental Education Center – We should be receiving a copy of a plan that CME submitted to the NJDEP to bring in clean fill as cover material for the site. Approval is needed due to the proximity to the river and the flood plain status of the property. Some areas of the property may remain off limits to the public. Money in the Borough’s tree fund can also be used for native plantings in addition to trees.
 - c. Waiver Form – Allan Williams prepared a draft waver form for volunteers and sent it to Karen Waldron. It was accepted and is now an official document.
6. New Business
 - a. ANJEC is having a workshop in Highland Park on October 30, at 7:00 PM. The title will be “Greening Your Master Plan and Ordinances”. The Highland Park Environmental Commission is co-sponsoring the event. 5 members can attend the event free of charge. Contact Mike Rosenberg if you are interested.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday November 19, at 8:00 PM.