

**Highland Park Environmental Commission**  
Meeting of July 15, 2009  
Minutes

Present: Jonathan Abrahams, Steve Barnes, Michael Rosenberg, Councilman Jon Erickson

Absent: Joan Ehrenfeld, Joshua Fine, Gabor Grunstein, Allan Williams

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM in the Environmental Education Center.
2. The minutes of the June 17, meeting were not yet available and will be distributed at the next meeting.
3. No correspondence
4. No new site plans to review.
5. Old Business
  - a. Zoning of Highland Park Meadows - The Master Plan Advisory Review Committee will begin meeting soon. Josh Fine will represent the Environmental Commission. Mike Rosenberg will meet with Borough Planner Allen Schectel.
  - b. Environmental Education Center – The water fountain has been repaired. Signage is still an issue.
  - c. Meadows Project – A Weedbusters event to remove invasive species was recently held. 7 bags of garlic mustard were removed. Plants for Meadows need to be picked up at Pinelands Nursery.
  - d. Community Wildlife Habitat Program – Mary Denver is working on getting The Meadows and Irving School certified as wildlife habitats. Steve will invite Mary to one of our meetings
6. New Business
  - a. EPA Climate Showcase Grant – Highland Park, Cherry Hill, and Montclair are submitting one application together.
  - b. NJDEP Greenhouse Grant being considered for either solar panels or to update the Natural Resources Inventory.
  - c. Another cleanup of the Meadows is scheduled for August 8, as part of a large Riverpalooza program.

- d. A grant has been received for “Sustainable Edible Gardens” at our public schools.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM. No meeting will be held in August. The next meeting will be on Wednesday September 16, 2009 at 8:00 PM.