

Highland Park Environmental Commission
Meeting of October 17, 2012
Minutes

Present: Michael Rosenberg, Jonathan Abrahams, Steve Barnes, Allan Williams,
Councilman Padraic Millet

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM.
2. The minutes of the September 19, 2012 meeting were approved.
3. Correspondence
 No Correspondence

4. Site Plans
 - a) Donald and Judith Monk
 102 North Fourth Avenue
 Docket #: No. Z12-03
 Block 159, Lot 23

The applicant wants to add a deck in the back of a single-family residence. Comments:
The Environmental Commission acknowledges the applicant's attempt to reduce
impervious coverage with the use of Turfstone for the driveway.

- b) Sandra & Mark Abraham
 36 South 6th Ave.
 Docket Z12-05
 Block 40 Lot 12

No change to building footprint. No Comments.

- c) Tasma Inc.
 213 Woodbridge Ave.
 Docket #Z12-04
 Block 21 Lots 10&11

L-shaped parcel seeking a D-1 use variance.

Comments:

Currently Lot 11 is partially grass covered; the applicant is proposing to cover the lot
with impervious surface of macadam or concrete. The Commission recommends that
the applicant evaluate the use of pervious surface materials for the parking areas.

The applicant provides no information on storm water management for this site.

Applicant should consider the use of dry wells.

The Applicant is proposing to replace a street with a Norway Maple; the applicant
should confer with the Highland Park Shade Tree Advisory Committee (STAC) for a
suitable native species.

There is no defined parking for people with disabilities; the Applicant should consider
designating one of the parking spot for the disabled.

5. Old Business

- a) Bee Hives for the Native Plant Reserve. Locations have been selected for the bee hives. The Commission has \$230 remaining in this year's budget. It could be used to purchase materials to construct security fencing around the hives. 10 feet by 10 foot enclosures that are 6 feet high are desirable. The temperature must be below 47 degrees F to move the hives.
- b) Y Property. A Phase 1 Archeological study of the property has been proposed.
- c) Pulte Park Status – The park construction is complete. The historical marker (appearance, size, content) is still under discussion.
- d) Honeywell Property – Additional contaminated soil removal is being conducted. Oversight by a Licensed Site Remediation Professional. Should be completed by October 25.
- e) Meadows/Trail Update. We have one estimate for the trail head entrance and grading of the new portion of the trail and expect two more. We need to receive at least three estimates and choose the lowest bid to move forward. We have a rough plan from Eleanor James. All runoff will be routed into the existing storm drain. If we can complete the work this year, it will settle in over the winter, and we can have a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring.
- f) Raritan River Festival. We had a table at the festival on September 23, at Boyd Park in New Brunswick. Raritan River Access sign was unveiled at the festival. HP Borough Council passed a resolution to accept a Raritan River Access sign from ANJEC. It will be located somewhere in the vicinity of the Environmental Education Center.
- g) 7-11 Application on Old Sunoco Site. October Planning Board meeting was cancelled.
- h) The Environmental Commission is cosponsoring the Green Roots Film Festival at the public library, October 14 through October 30.

6. New Business: None

7. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM. The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will be on Wednesday, November 21, at 8 PM in the Environmental Education Center