

**Highland Park Environmental Commission**  
Meeting of April 3, 2013  
Minutes

Present: Michael Rosenberg, Jonathan Abrahams, Steve Barnes, Allan Williams,  
Borough Council Liaison Padraic Millet  
Guest: Amy Sundquist

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM.
2. The minutes of the March 6, 2013 meeting were approved.
3. Correspondence: None
4. Site Plans: None
5. ANJEC Open Space Grant - Discussed possible projects for a grant application – Decided on signage and educational brochure for Meadows Trail
6. Old Business
  - a) 27 Brookdale Court Application. The applicant's Engineer, Menlo Engineering agreed to the Environmental Commission's comments and will use the natural grade of the property and add soil as appropriate.
  - b) Pulte - The Crossings at Highland Park (Honeywell Property) – According to Diane Reh, the Final Site Plan will be submitted to the Borough by Pulte in the next few days. A subcommittee of the Environmental Commission will meet to review those plans so that comments can be submitted to the Planning Board prior to their April meeting.
  - c) Proposed 7-11 on Former Sunoco Site. This will probably go for a vote before the Planning Board tomorrow night.
  - d) Raritan River Access Sign. The sign has been installed by Public Works and is now on public view.
  - e) Signage for Environmental Education Center – Still waiting
  - f) JSM-Buck Woods. The borough has agreed in principle to establish a redevelopment zone for the Upper Meadows property.
  - g) Meadows Trail Update. – DPW delivered 17 loads of wood chips to the trail and were very helpful to our efforts. The wood chips are being spread on the newly created section of the trail and we are about one third done. The landscaping contractor will come back in May to finish work at the trail entrance. A cleanup at the Meadows will be part of Earth Day events on April 21.
  - h) Silver Certification for Sustainability. We now have Bronze Certification from the Sustainable New Jersey program, and Sustainable Highland Park wants to go for the next level, which is Silver. The Commission agreed to pursue this and a meeting will

be held on April 12, with the Public Works Committee to see what else needs to be done.

- i) Pulte Park and Historical Monument Status. – Draft wording for the sign is complete. Allan will check with the NJ Historical Commission for any approvals.

7. New Business

- a) Earth Day Fair at the EEC April 21 – the plan is for Music, Food from the George Street Co-op, environmental lectures, exhibits, etc.
  - b) The Shorrs have a contract with the Borough for relocating the bee hives to the Environmental Education Center property.
  - c) The Middlesex County Mosquito Control Commission will have an informational public meeting at the Highland Park Senior Center on April 4. This meeting is sponsored by the Highland Park Board of Health.
  - d) We will not have a table at the HP Street Fair this year.
8. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 8 PM in the Environmental Education Center.