

Highland Park Environmental Commission
Meeting of June 3, 2015
Minutes

Present: Michael Rosenberg, Jonathan Abrahams, Steve Barnes, Laurel Kornfeld, Karen Swaine, Jim Walsh, Allan Williams

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM.
2. The minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting were approved.
3. Correspondence: None
4. Site Plans: None
5. Old Business
 - a) National Recreational Trails Day will be observed June 6-7. The NJDEP website lists state-wide events. The Environmental Commission will have events at The Meadows Trail on both days. Events include Tours of the Meadows Trail, Tree Tours, and Kids Scavenger Hunt. Publicity is via the Borough's website and on Facebook.
 - b) Meadows Trail – Spring-time maintenance is continuing by our team of volunteers. The trail was mowed once so far. Lots of visitors are using the trail.
6. New Business
 - a) Many dead fish have been seen floating in the Raritan River specifically near the boat launch area in Donaldson Park. These were identified as bunker fish and dead ones have also been reported in Edison and Red Bank. The cause is unknown but may be the result of oxygen depletion in the water.
 - b) It was reported that light from the new Pulte development are shining into residences on Cleveland Avenue. Some of the lights are the globe type about 18 inches high. Need to look at the site plans and see if they match what was approved by the borough. If they don't conform, this situation should be referred to Code Enforcement.
7. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will take place on Wednesday, July 1, at 8 PM in the Environmental Education Center.