

Highland Park Environmental Commission
Meeting of October 7, 2015
Minutes

Present: Michael Rosenberg, Jonathan Abrahams, Steve Barnes, Karen Swaine, Allan Williams
Guests: Christina Petagna, Daniel Larkins

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM.
2. The minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting were approved.
3. Correspondence
 - a) Middlesex County has submitted an application to NJDEP for a combined Freshwater Wetlands General Permit and a Flood Hazard Individual Permit for improvements to the Donaldson Park Underground Storage Tank. The project includes removal of an existing underground fuel tank and replacement with a new above ground fuel tank.
 - b) Middlesex County has submitted an application to NJDEP for a Flood Hazard Individual Permit for replacement of the Mill Brook culvert under Lincoln Avenue.
4. Site Plans
 - a) American Properties
Cleveland Avenue
Block 170 Lots 5&6
P2015-04
This application is for 105 housing units and is the result of extensive litigation between the developer and the borough. There are 5 affordable housing units included. A site remediation plan is still required for completeness.
5. Old Business
 - a) Stern Property- Brookdale Court – No variances are necessary for this application to proceed. Alan Schechtel has reviewed and approved the plans.
 - b) Rite Aid Application was postponed for another month
 - c) Eagle Scout Project by Jacob Kleinmann to construct bat houses – nothing to report
 - d) Pulte The Crossing Development - There have been ongoing issues with bright lights spilling to adjacent properties. Is there a borough ordinance dealing with light pollution?
6. New Business
 - a) A fire citation was issued for the storage/utility room in the EEC. We will go through the room and discard what is not needed.
 - b) Budget. We have \$320 left in our annual budget, which we can spend on items such as supplies and pamphlets. Steve will draw up a list of supplies needed for the Meadows Trail.
 - c) The mayor signed a resolution supporting emission limits and fuel economy for large trucks.
 - d) We support a modified borough ordinance on fracking and ban on use of fracking byproducts.
 - e) Diane Reh will be retiring as of December 1.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will take place on Wednesday, November 4, at 8 PM in the Environmental Education Center.