

Highland Park Environmental Commission
Meeting of April 5, 2017
Minutes

Present: Michael Rosenberg, Jonathan Abrahams, Steve Barnes, Dan Larkins, Allan Williams, Councilman Phil George

Guests: Christopher Satch, Muriel Haber, Rita Hindin

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.
2. The minutes of the March 1, 2017 meeting were approved.
3. We welcomed Phil George as our new Borough Council liaison. Christine Petagna moved out of town and has resigned from the Environmental Commission.
4. Correspondence - None
5. Site Plans: None
6. Old Business
 - a) Graduate students from Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts will be placing 7 sculptures beginning at Centennial Park, around the Environmental Education center, and all the way to Johnson Park.
 - b) American Properties. Continuing crushing of concrete and site preparation. Air quality data for dust and particulates is being monitored.
 - c) ANJEC Grant. Dan continues to conduct monthly birding events funded by our most recent grant. The next event will be "Birding for Kids" on April 27, followed by future events on May 7, and 13.
 - d) NRT Grant. Purchase orders are being completed for a deer fencing, water tank, water transfer pump, and two templates for sign construction.
 - e) Meadows Update. Steve reported that a cleanup will be held on May 17, with the Lower Raritan River Watershed Partnership. Steve will talk to Frank Troy of DPW about fixing the weed whacker. Steve will also speak with DPW about using the bobcat on an area near the new entrance site.
7. New Business
 - a) The Earth Day Celebration run by Sustainable Highland Park, will be on Sunday April 23, from 11-3 at the Environmental Education Center
 - b) Muriel Haber would like to see a new ordinance for dual-flushing toilets. This could be part of the water conservation ordinance. ANJEC may know if any other towns already have this included.
 - c) National Trails Day will be on June 7. We will need volunteers to help.

- d) Riparian Stream Buffer Ordinance – NJDEP changed some requirements last summer. ANJEC would like us to strengthen or amend our existing ordinance,
 - e) Changes to our website – Leora Wenger would like us move our website. We need to find a new hosting site. The Commission already has a domain name. Chris and Jonathan volunteered to work on this.
 - f) Eagle Scout is having a Court of Honor on May 14, for the two scouts that helped us with bird house and bat house projects.
8. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM. The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will take place on Wednesday, May 3 at 8 PM in the Environmental Education Center.