

**Highland Park Environmental Commission**  
Meeting of February 7, 2018  
Minutes

Present: Jonathan Abrahams, Steve Barnes, Michael Rosenberg, Allan Williams, Council liaison Philip George

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.
2. The minutes of the January 3, 2018, meeting were approved with minor corrections.
3. Correspondence: None
4. Site Plans: None
5. Old Business
  - a) PSE&G Solar Farm. Reviewed the draft memo from the Environmental Commission to NJDEP with comments on the proposed remediation project at The Meadows. \$300K estimate for the concrete removal on the upper meadows.
  - b) Environmental Commission Website. Need to schedule a meeting with Nicole Wines. Allan Williams and Jon Abrahams to attend the meeting.
  - c) Bee Hive Fences. The new fence is now complete. A lock is needed to secure the gate.
  - d) Proposed Rules for Beehives—The state Department of Agriculture has proposed new rules to govern beehives. A law was passed two or three years ago allowing municipalities to have their own bee hives. The new regulations would restrict apiary culture to working farms and rural areas. The state legislature can overrule them. Borough Council was encouraged to pass a resolution opposing these new rules, noting that Ridgewood passed such a resolution. Allan will send the proposed resolution to Phil, who will put it on the agenda for the Council's next meeting.
  - e) Eagle Scout Project. There is a Boy Scout who is interested in doing a project with the Environmental Commission for his Eagle Scout project. His current plan is to re-purpose 4-5 old benches that are being stored at DPW, repairing them and placing them at various locations including the EEC site, Valley Place Ravine and Felton Park. Other locations can also be considered.
6. New Business
  - a) Master Plan – At the last Planning Board meeting, it was announced that the Master Plan is up for its 10-year review. Allan is on the sub-committee.
  - b) Friday Forest – German concept – STEM teacher at Bartle School is interested in using the Meadows.
  - c) Repair of lawn next to EEC – The lawn was damaged when trucks installed the fence.
  - d) Earth Day – Annual Earth Day Festival will be held at The EEC on April 22 from 11-3
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM. The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will take place on Wednesday, March 7, at 8 PM in the Environmental Education Center.