

Highland Park Environmental Commission
Meeting of December 4, 2019
Minutes

Present: Michael Rosenberg, Karen Swain, Allan Williams

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm.
2. The minutes of the November 6, 2019, meeting were approved.
3. Correspondence: Notification from the Middlesex County Mosquito Extermination Commission. Legal notification that an application will be submitted to NJDEP for countywide authorization to perform ongoing water management activities throughout the county. This is to eliminate or prevent larval mosquito habitats and to minimize the use of chemicals for mosquito control.
4. Site Plans:
 - a) Jasin LLC
236 South 11th Ave.
Block 68 Lots 18-20
P2019-02 Subdivision – No Comments
 - b) Lionsgate Homes LLC
402 South 7th Ave.
Block 47 Lots 7-10
P2019-04 Minor subdivision with variances – No Comments
5. Old Business
 - a) Solar Farm. Construction of the solar farm is continuing to progress.
 - b) Meadows Update. Remediation is still not complete. CME needs to certify on behalf of the borough, to NJDEP that all the appropriate items that needed to be removed from the Meadows have been removed. Bruce Koch, and the contractor will meet tomorrow to review status.
 - c) Solop Project. No news.
 - d) Grant Opportunity. Sustainable Jersey and the Nature Conservancy have a grant program to fund planting trees in flood plains alongside rivers. The goal is to seek funding for tree planting in the Meadows. We need input from the Shade Tree Advisory Committee and Sustainable Highland Park in the application. The deadline to submit an application is December 15. There are areas in the Meadows where we lost trees and need to plant new ones. We will likely apply for \$3,000-\$4,000. The actual plantings will be done by the Meadows trail volunteers and members of the Environmental Commission.
 - e) Environmental Commission Website. The website now has 3 new posts.
 - f) Master Plan Re-examination. Preview presentations were held for the public on changes proposed to the Borough's Master Plan. The Master Plan proposed to rezone some Borough properties to their current uses. The Re-examination does not deal specifically with the Meadows.
 - g) Environmental Commission Budget. Remaining funds in our 2019 budget were used to purchase supplies for the Meadows, with only \$3 left over.
6. New Business - None
7. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next meeting of the Environmental Commission will take place on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 8 pm in the Environmental Education Center, 20 River Road, Highland Park, NJ.