

**Borough of Haddon Heights
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
December 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Marshall Hatfield called the December Business Meeting of the Haddon Heights Environmental Commission ("HHEC") to order at 7:14 PM.

Attending: Marshall Hatfield, Dave Cox, Bill Rafter, Kevin Murphy, and John Babcock.

Note: Jackie Parisi and Steve Berryhill had notified the Commission in advance that they would be unable to attend tonight's meeting.

No one from the public was present.

November 19th Meeting Minutes

Bill Rafter made a motion to approve the November business meeting minutes; seconded by Kevin Murphy. The minutes were approved with one abstention by John Babcock who was not present at that meeting.

Old Business

Environmental Resource Inventory ("ERI"): Update

Marshall said that we have until September/October 2015 to complete the ERI and each member should take a section of the ERI and provide a schedule for completion of that section.

Open Spaces:

We need a GIS type map. Kevin will check with the DEP and his office and advise. Marshall handed out an existing HH map from the Green Acres Program that shows most if not all the open spaces as of May 2010.

Parking along East and West Atlantic Avenues:

This needs to be tied into or coordinated with any current grant or past planning activity related to bike paths and complete streets. A grant has been issued to Audubon to work with the county on a combined bike/pedestrian path along the railroad corridor that runs through Oaklyn, Audubon and Haddon Heights, up to the I-295 overpass at Barrington. Kevin said his understanding was that the current principal contact in Audubon for this grant is no longer employed by the borough and so has no legal ability to accept the grant money.

It was agreed that we should gather any and all current bike/pedestrian grants and reports and discuss these with Steve Bach at a future HHEC meeting.

Proposed Gas Pipeline Proposal Update

Bill Rafter asked that this be tabled until next month's meeting.

Safe Pedestrian Crossings:

The need for crosswalks was discussed and it was agreed that these should be reviewed with Steve Bach. The following locations are included:

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- White Horse Pike and Garden Street
- Station Avenue and North Park Avenue
- Hillside Avenue and Kings Highway

Dave Cox mentioned that there are several storm drains that are a danger to bicycles; such as at the WHP and Station and at 4th Avenue and Station.

Shade Tree Inventory & Scout Participation

We are now talking about doing this next April. Jackie Parisi is working with Mike Turner, Scout Master, to assist in completing this inventory and possibly earning a merit badge or two.

New Business:

Complete Streets:

Marshall attended a Complete Streets Workshop at the Cherry Hill Environmental Center and gained good direction from the workshop leaders, Audubon's Business Administrator and Community Relations representative, Burlington County's Engineer and Cross County Connections, to name a few. Bach Associates had four (4) associates who attended.

Annual Report to the Borough Council:

Marshall handed out a draft outline of the HHEC's first annual report showing the attendance record and key activities and resolutions.

Borough Reorganization Meeting:

This is scheduled for 11 AM on Saturday, January 3rd.

Commissioner Comments

There were no additional comments.

Adjournment:

Bill Rafter made a motion to adjourn and this was seconded by John Babcock and approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Babcock
Acting Secretary

Next Business Meeting – Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 7:00 PM