

**Borough of Haddon Heights  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
April 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

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Chair Marshall Hatfield called the April 2015 Business Meeting of the Haddon Heights Environmental Commission (“HHEC”) to order at 7:07 PM.

***Roll Call:***

John Babcock	Present	Kevin Murphy	Present
Steven Berryhill	Present	Jackie Parisi	Excused Absence
Dave Cox	Present	Bill Rafter	Present
Marshall Hatfield	Present	Bruce Koch (Alt.)	Present
Vince Stango (Alt.)	Excused Absence		

***Public Comment:***

No one from the public was present.

***Approval of the March Minutes***

The March Meeting Minutes were approved without any changes. Kevin M made a motion to accept and this was seconded by Steve B.

***Old Business***

**HHEC Annual Report:**

Marshall submitted the report to council and it has been uploaded to Dropbox and to the Borough web site.

**TCNJ One Day Project:**

Marshall said that we will have 20 TCNJ students available to us Saturday, April 18th.

**Street and Parks Tree Inventory Plan:**

This is scheduled for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 4 PM. There will be training from 8:30 to 9 AM, tree inventory from 9 AM to 12:30 PM, a lunch break, and then inventory again from 1 or 1:30 PM to 4 PM. Marshall said there will be teams of 5, each assigned to a specific geography. Since most of the trees will not have leaves by the 18<sup>th</sup>, this exercise will focus on location, diameter, and height. There will need to be additional visits to complete the identification. He would like support people there by 8:30 AM to help with getting things set up. Bill R, Dave C, Marshall, and John B will be available all day. Kevin M said he could help in the morning.

**Tree Saplings Application to the NJDEP:**

Marshall said that the Borough would be getting about 1,500 tree saplings from 13 varieties of trees; each sapling will be about 13 to 15 inches. Each resident can get up to 5 saplings per residence after completing the reservation form. These will be available to all on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> between 9 and 4 PM in the Borough Hall main meeting room.

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**Master Gardeners of Camden County Help Request:**

Marshall said that a request was sent in for assistance with the tree inventory but he did not get any response. He was referred to Robin Potter, an arborist in Haddonfield, but she was and is out of the country.

**ANJEC Open Spaces Grant**

Marshall said that this grant will be awarded on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Open Spaces map provided by Kevin M that is needed for the Environmental Resources Inventory ("ERI") and for certification through Sustainable HH, was not needed for this grant. We will have a town map similar to one used by Haddon Township (and provided for this meeting). Marshall asked for input on how the HH map should look, and what it should show.

**East-West Atlantic Avenues (TCDI) Grant Update:**

Kevin gave an update on the TCDI grant. He said there was no overall change in status for that from last month, but he found out that Tom Sexton, who is high up in the Rails-to-Trails organization, will be participating.

**Safe Pedestrian Crossings Update:**

Kevin said that he needs to get together with John Ellis, DPW. He will try to set something up next week. He will update Marshall on this.

<p><b>ACTION:</b> Kevin to try to set up a meeting with John Ellis next week and advise Marshall.</p>
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**Open Spaces Mapping Progress:**

Kevin M sent Marshall a color-coded Open Spaces map of HH showing the larger open spaces. Marshall said we need a more detailed map showing all of the open spaces, not just the largest.

**Environmental Resources Inventory Update:**

No update.

**New Business:**

**HHEC Public Meetings posted:**

Steve B said the Courier Post is now publishing the HHEC meeting notices.

**Commissioner Comments**

**Street Trees:**

Dave C asked whether there is a policy on "street trees"; on what kinds of trees can be planted. Steve B said he is on the Shade Tree Commission, but was not sure if there is a policy. He asked Dave to send him an email with his question(s) and

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concern(s). Steve said there is a meeting next week and Carol Larro and the borough arborist, Steve Dorsey will be at that meeting.

**ACTION:** Dave C to email Steve B with questions on what the Borough policy is regarding what trees can be planted on the street to sidewalk area.

***Adjournment:***

John B made a motion to adjourn and this was seconded by Bill R and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Babcock  
Acting Secretary

Next Business Meeting – Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 7:00 PM