

**Borough of Haddon Heights
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
April 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Chair John Babcock called the April 20th, 2016 Business Meeting of the Haddon Heights Environmental Commission (“HHEC”) meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Roll Call:

John Babcock	Present	Kevin Murphy	Present
Dave Cox	Present	Jackie Parisi	Present
Susan Griffith	Excused	Bill Rafter	Present
Marshall Hatfield	Present	Bruce Koch (Alt.)	Present
TBD (Alt.)	OPEN		

Public Comment:

No one from the public was present.

Housekeeping:

Marshall proposed that Bill Rafter be the permanent Secretary. Seconded by Dave. Six voted yea, one nay (Bill).

Minutes Approval:

Jackie noted that her last name ends with an “l”. A motion to accept the March 16th HHEC Business Meeting minutes as corrected was made by Marshall H and seconded by Bill R. All were in favor.

Old Business

ANJEC Recreation-Open Spaces-Natural Resources Map:

Mark Parker was in attendance and provided the inked version of the map. Essentially all is done except the coloration. Marshall will meet with Kathy Lange tomorrow night to review the map and information that will be on the back side of the map and get any changes to Mark by this Friday. Mark said he would get a color map with any changes to Marshall within two weeks. The deadline for the map is June 30th. Note that the map was produced with grant money and not taxpayer dollars.

ACTION: Marshall to provide Mark with any changes requested from his meeting with Kathy Lange by Friday, March 18 th .

TCDI Railroad Corridor DVRPC Grant Update:

There is no change. Surveys are still being done. A public meeting will be held. As no funds can be drawn for work performed after June 30, there will be no extensions. It appears that Conrail may only sell or lease land to municipalities, and any such sales may be on an “as is” basis, meaning without environmental inspections.

Kings Highway Repaving and Flashing Pedestrian Sign

Terracotta sewage pipes deteriorate and may need to either be replaced or “slip-lined”. The cost on the fix is estimated at 400-500k. There will be no repairing until the utilities will certify that the pipes are good.

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Somehow the Kings Highway project got linked to the flashing crosswalk. Apparently we need to get Sue Griffith to unbundle the repaving from the crosswalk project.

ACTION: John B will contact Sue Griffith for clarification.

2016 Sustainable Jersey Actions

Environmental Resource Inventory - With regard to the Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI), it appears that most of the HH work has been done. Kevin volunteered to cobble together the maps. We need to compare HH materials to that of Haddon Twp., which has already been approved. Again a question arose as to any unintended consequences of having an ERI in place.

iTree – Street Tree Inventory – No update. John and Marshall will continue to coordinate.

NEW BUSINESS

Federal Highway Grant Dollars: Dave advised that the Federal Highway Administration shows \$85k available from an earlier earmark for the Streetscape Project. Additionally other unclaimed earmarks in a 50-mile radius could be reclassified (for allocation to HH). It is possible that there is a September 30th sunset on this.

Commissioner Comments

- Jackie questioned the impact of an ERI on the Site Planning process and potential for slowing that process down and possibly discouraging contractors and/or buyers. These concerns need to be further discussed and understood.

Adjournment:

Bill R made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bruce K and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Rafter
Secretary

Next Business Meeting – Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 7:00 PM
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