

**Borough of Haddon Heights  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
May 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

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Chair Marshall Hatfield called the May 2015 Business Meeting of the Haddon Heights Environmental Commission (“HHEC”) to order at 7:10 PM.

***Roll Call:***

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

***Public Comment:***

No one from the public was present.

***Approval of the March Minutes***

The April Meeting Minutes were approved after correcting the spelling of Carol Larro’s first name from “Carlo” to “Carol”. Kevin M made a motion to accept and this was seconded by Bill R.

***Old Business***

***Street and Parks Tree Inventory Results:***

Marshall sent a letter to Michael Nordquist, PhD, Environment Division Coordinator, Bonner Institute for Civic and Community Engagement at The College of New Jersey thanking his department, student volunteers, and TCNJ for their assistance in the tree inventory and providing a summation and feedback of that day’s activities.

***Tree Saplings Application to the NJDEP:***

Marshall said that Haddon Heights’ residents picked up 250 of the 1,500 saplings provided and that Barrington would take another 250. The remaining 1,000 saplings would be donated to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society as part of the “Plant One Million” program.

***ANJEC Open Spaces Grant Update:***

Marshall needed one additional signature on the Grant Award Offer/Notification letter. Bill R. signed. This grant awards Haddon Heights with \$1,000.00 up front and a final \$500.00 at completion. The project(s) must be completed by May 31, 2016.

***Open Spaces Mapping Progress:***

The HHEC voted to have Marshall obtain quotes for an Open Spaces map design for Haddon Heights that would be similar to the Haddon Township map.

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**ACTION:** Marshall will provide a scan of the HT map to Kevin M and Vince S.

**ACTION:** Kevin and Vince will look into obtaining quotes for the HH Open Spaces map design.

**TCDI Railroad Corridor DVRPC Grant Update:**

Kevin said that the next step was a kick off meeting, but he had not seen any notice of this meeting yet.

**Safe Pedestrian Crossings Update:**

Kevin said that he needs a meeting with John Ellis, DPW so he can be provided with the list of locations compiled by the HHEC. Kevin would also like Dave Cox to participate in this meeting.

**ACTION:** Marshall will send Kevin John Ellis' contact information.

**ACTION:** Once Kevin receives John E's contact information, he will coordinate the meeting.

**Environmental Resources Inventory Update:**

No update. With the HHEC focus on Open Spaces mapping, Safe Pedestrian Crossings, and the TCDI RR Corridor Grant, the ERI has been on hold.

***New Business:***

**Shade Tree Commission Annual Accomplishments Report:**

Marshall said the annual report was submitted to the NJ DEP Forestry Division in March. This was one month late, although there does not seem to be any consequences to the borough's "approved" status, so far. In discussion on the respective roles of the Shade Tree Commission and the Environmental Commission, Marshall said the STC is overseen by the HHEC.

**Heights Report Articles:**

Articles for the next Heights Report are due in June. Marshall sent in an article to see if we can get some help from the community to complete the tree inventory. The next issue is in August, so if anyone wants to submit an article, this should be submitted one month in advance.

**Saturday, July 4 Independence Day Parade Participation:**

Marshall asked whether there was any interest in participating in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Staging will be at 8 AM. He asked for an RSVP by Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTION:** Marshall will send a parade invite letter.

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***Commissioner Comments***

No comments.

***Adjournment:***

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Babcock  
Acting Secretary

Next Business Meeting – Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 7:00 PM