

**Borough of Haddon Heights
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
September 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Chair John Babcock called the September 21st, 2016 Business Meeting of the Haddon Heights Environmental Commission (“HHEC”) meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Roll Call:

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

Public Comment:

No one from the public was present.

Housekeeping:

- The HHEC now needs two positions filled, one commissioner and one alternate. John asked all members present to look for candidates.
- Bruce was asked whether he would be interested in becoming a full “Commissioner” rather than an Alternate. He said he was not.

July Minutes Approval:

Under **2016 Sustainable Actions, Environmental Inventory**, Jackie wanted to clarify that Steve Bach did not say the HHEC would receive a copy of a Site Plan one week prior to the Planning Board meeting. Receipt of this copy by the HHEC would depend on several factors and may or may not be a week prior to the Planning Board review. Motion to approve minutes with this change was made by Susan and seconded by Jackie.

Old Business

ANJEC Recreation-Open Spaces-Natural Resources Map:

Marshall has sent a PDF map to St. Rose and is waiting to hear back on how many they would like. He believes he has sent the PDF to Kelly, Kate, and Julie for posting to the HH web page, but will verify. [NOTE: The map is on the HH web site.]

TCDI Railroad Corridor DVRPC Grant Update:

Kevin said that the DVRPC has the plan under review at this time.

Kings Highway Repaving and Flashing Pedestrian Sign

Because the funding for the Flashing Pedestrian Sign could not be unbundled from the Kings Hwy Repaving project, and so was on hold until remediation was completed on the drainage pipes, Dave C had submitted a high level plan that could make the pedestrian crossing across Kings Hwy. safer and should be much less expensive. This plan proposes the use of white thermal reflective striping that would “narrow” the traffic lanes on either side of the crossing. Should the HHEC make this recommendation to the Council?

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ACTION: Susan will get input from Steve Bach and see if the HHEC should make a recommendation.

2016 Sustainable Jersey Actions

Environmental Resource Inventory – Jackie reiterated that once an ERI was in place, the HHEC would need to accommodate the receipt of a Site Plan packet. This may be as little as one day prior to the Planning Board review.

iTree – Street Tree Inventory – Marshall said that he has spoken with Stockton University and they have environmental study students available to support the completion of our iTree Street Inventory project. He said this students may be available in October.

Sustainable Land Use Pledge Resolution – Resolution # 2016:137 was passed by council. Marshall said he needed a signed copy in order to get the 10 points from Sustainable Jersey. Susan said she was waiting on the Shade Tree Commission to provide the plan. [NOTE: Susan has provided this resolution.]

Haddon Hts. Master Plan Review

Jackie said that Steven Bach has provided his recommendations and these are being reviewed by the Planning Board. The updated plan should be adopted by the end of October.

Upcoming Events

NJ Shade Tree Federation Annual Conference – Oct. 21st – Oct. 22nd

Marshall believes we need a non-governmental, “citizen” to attend. Susan will follow up with the Shade Tree Commission. [NOTE: A member of the Shade Tree Commission will attend.]

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Commissioner Comments

Susan said she had mentioned the collection of plastic bottle caps for polio vaccines at the Borough Council meeting last night.

Adjournment:

Susan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Babcock
Acting Secretary

Next Business Meeting – Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 7:00 PM