

**Borough of Haddon Heights
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
May 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Chair John Babcock called the May 18th, 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	Mark Parker	Guest

Public Comment:

No one from the public was present.

Housekeeping:

Still no one suggested or available for the 2nd Alternate Commissioner opening.

April Minutes Approval:

Under **TCDI Railroad Corridor DVRPC Grant Update**, the fourth sentence was modified to indicate that CONRAIL *may* only sell or lease land on an “as is” basis. A motion to accept the April 20th HHEC Business Meeting minutes as corrected was made by Marshall H and seconded by Kevin M. All were in favor.

Old Business

ANJEC Recreation-Open Spaces-Natural Resources Map:

Mark Parker was in attendance and advised that it is almost complete. Marshall will add some insects and check with Kathy Lange on any final suggestions she may have. The deadline for the map is June 30th.

TCDI Railroad Corridor DVRPC Grant Update:

There was a Steering Committee meeting on 11 May with Steve Bach and three towns. The next public meeting will be on 31 May, scheduled at the Audubon Municipal Hall. This meeting must be advertised because it involves Federal money. Haddon Heights wants to get a right-of-way from Comcast to put in a bike path. There is not enough room for a separate bike lane. There was a representative from “Rails-to=Trails” at the May 11th meeting. It is not clear what will happen at this next (5/31) meeting.

Kings Highway Repaving and Flashing Pedestrian Sign

Somehow the Kings Highway project got linked to the flashing crosswalk. After some discussion it was agreed that the EC should make a recommendation to the council to see if the sign can be unbundled from the repaving project.

ACTION: John B will draft a recommendation for the EC to review.

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Federal Highway Admin. Rec. Grants Update:

Dave Cox suggested that DVRPC is responsible for doling out the Federal money. HH should advise DVRPC of HH's interest in receiving some of the Fed earmark with the purpose of "Repurposing of Federal Earmarks". Kevin to learn how to get access to the earmarked funds and report to the HHEC. One item is the Penoni (?) Grant leftover money.

ACTION: Kevin M will attempt to get more information on the earmarked funds.

2016 Sustainable Jersey Actions

Environmental Resource Inventory – Regarding the fact that once an ERI is in place, the EC can review all Site Plans, Jackie P asked whether the applicant would need to attend the EC review. She also expressed concern that as the EC meets the day before the Planning Board, this could further delay the Site Plan review process. She said that there are about six Site Plans a year.

ACTION: John B will contact ANJEC to get clarification on the role of the EC in Site Plan reviews when there is an ERI in place.

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

Sustainable Land Use Pledge Resolution – Resolution # 2016:137 was passed by council. This is worth 10 points.

NEW BUSINESS

Haddon Heights Master Plan Review: Marshall said that the Master Plan is supposed to be reviewed every 10 years. Jackie said that the Planning Board is reviewing now, but it is missing pages. Marshall said he would post the complete Master Plan on Drop Box.

ACTION: Marshall to upload HH Master Plan to Drop Box.

Commissioner Comments - None

Adjournment:

Bill R made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marshall and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Rafter
Secretary

Next Business Meeting – Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 7:00 PM