

Holland Township Environmental Commission Minutes

September 4, 2013 – 7 pm Meeting

Chairman Keady called the meeting to order. He read the Open Public Meeting Act. All stood for the pledge of allegiance. All were reminded to turn off their cell phones or put them in silent mode.

Members Present: Jerry Bowers, Henry Gore, Ted Harwick, Chairman Michael Keady, Dwight Pederson, Richard Schrack and Secretary Maria Elena Jennette Kozak.

Township Committee Liaison Present: Ray Krov.

Members Absent: N/A

Let the record show we have a quorum.

Minutes: A motion was made by Jerry Bowers and seconded by Ted Harwick to approve the minutes of August 7, 2013 as received. All present were in favor of approving the minutes with the exception of Dwight Pederson who abstained. Motion carried.

Sub-Committee:

Stormwater Education – Mike Keady, Ted Harwick and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as Secretary Kozak. Community Day – September 7th. Dwight Pederson has been moving forward. Dwight Pederson did obtain the Clean Communities posters from the State of NJ. There are duplicates. Secretary Kozak mounted one set for use at community day and the other set was framed and will be on display in the lower level of the Municipal Building. Dwight Pederson has the kid's casting game all ready. Food coloring will be added to the water to make it look dirty. One child will caste at a time. All agreed to be there by 11:30 am for set up with the event starting at 1 pm. Mike Keady and Dwight Pederson met with Secretary Kozak to organize what literature was needed for community day and that is ready for distribution after tonight's meeting. Secretary Kozak made copies of the Citizen's Volunteer Form for distribution at Community Day.

Trails – Ted Harwick (chair) and Henry Gore. Nothing to report. Ted Harwick to attend a Park Conference and will see if he can obtain an existing trail map. Henry Gore will supply Secretary Kozak of a list of Trail sites for the Web. Chairman Keady stated that there are no grants available thru the Green Team and Sustainable Jersey for Trails.

Web Page – Jerry Bowers – The links previously discussed are on the web.

ERI – Jerry Bowers (chair), Mike Keady and Henry Gore. Chairman Keady reported the Planning Board subcommittee needs to talk with Liaison Scheibener to discuss the potential of a redevelopment section in the industrial and the commercial areas in Holland Township. Obviously redevelopment in the industrial designations within the township has been going on for awhile, however in regards to the Commercial Zone, there has been no plan for any redevelopment. The thought is to put a clause into the documents stating that the township reserves the right to continue to explore options rather than to cite specific projects. More information to follow. The subcommittee is making progress. The new version will still need approval of the Highlands Council. Once approved, the subcommittee will forward to the Planning Board members for review. The Planning Board will also establish a date for the public hearing and will also include the ERI document previously approved and submitted to the Planning Board.

Shade Tree and Community Forestry Plan Sub-Committee – Henry Gore, Dwight Pederson and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as secretary. Consultant Ron Farr's contract has been signed. Secretary Kozak is working on the list provided by Mr. Farr of documents needed. Secretary Kozak has also reached out to him about attending the scheduled meeting in

October. Expectations were discussed regarding the meeting scheduled for October. The setting will be a brain storm session. Henry Gore provided the members with a list of special issues that he created. It was suggested that he update the list to include Municipal Owned Property and to also reshuffle the priorities. Discussion took place about PSE&G/JCP&L Tree Trimming. Tree Identification and potential issues will be discussed by Ron Farr. A plan is what will be developed. Henry Gore will touch base with Alex McCarthy at NJ DEP to let him know of our progress.

Misc

Chairman Keady asked Richard Schrack to look over the sub committees listed on the agenda to see if he is interested in getting involved in something specific.

Henry Gore stated that he was interested in attending the Musconetcong River Award session in Finesville at the vineyard. After some discussion, it was determined that the event was open and Secretary Kozak did not have to respond.

Public Comment:

There was no one present in the audience for comment.

At 8:30 Ted Harwick made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

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