

Holland Township Environmental Commission Minutes

December 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: Henry Gore, Chairman Michael Keady, Dwight Pederson, Richard Schrack and Secretary Maria Elena Jennette Kozak.

Absent: Jerry Bowers and Ted Harwick

Township Committee Liaison Present: Ray Krov.

Let the record show we have a quorum.

Minutes: A motion was made by Richard Schrack and seconded by Dwight Pederson to approve the minutes of November 8, 2013 as received. All present were in favor of approving the minutes. Motion carried.

Sub-Committees:

Stormwater Education – Mike Keady, Ted Harwick and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as Secretary Kozak. Nothing new to present.

Trails – Ted Harwick (chair) and Henry Gore. Nothing to report. The subcommittee needs to decide how they want to move forward and to consider marketing, trail availability and even potential issues (i.e. – parking?) etc.

Web Page – Jerry Bowers, Dwight Pederson, and Rick Schrack – the links are up. Chairman Keady brought up that the intention of the township committee is to redesign the website but nothing has changed this far.

ERI – Jerry Bowers (chair), Mike Keady and Henry Gore. Discussion about changing the name to Land Use Ordinance. At the Planning Board of November 11, 2013 the Highlands Council MPE & ERI were adopted. The EC wants input with the PB on the creation of the future documents. The Land Use ordinance goes before the PB but the EC thinks they need to review and give insights to the PB. There are issues with the document. The new model highlands council land use ordinance needs to be distributed to the EC members. Secretary Kozak will do this. Chairman Keady will talk with Keri Bencoter our Highlands Council liaison to see about the legal protection for Holland Township. .

Shade Tree and Community Forestry Plan Sub-Committee – Henry Gore, Dwight Pederson and Maria Elena Jennette Kozak as secretary. The plan was electronically transferred December 3, 2013 and hard copies were available at this scheduled meeting. Henry Gore discussed the need for the subcommittee to review and secretary Kozak reminded all that there are issues that also require input from the Department of Public Works supervisor as well as the township committee. Chairman Keady will work with Richard Schrack and Henry Gore on gathering pictures. Henry Gore, Dwight Pederson and secretary Kozak will meet on December 9th at 5:30 pm to discuss the plan. Secretary Kozak will also try to work with Al Turdo, the supervisor of the Department of Public Works.

Public Comment: There was no one present in the audience for comment.

At 8:10 Dwight Pederson made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Elena Jennette Kozak

Environmental Commission Secretary