

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

May 2, 2016

Members Present

P. Glawe
J. Hendricks
S. Iannaccone
A. Kraynak
D. Wilson

Liaison

J. Ferramosca - Absent (Representing the Planning Board)
T. Gallagher – Present

Members Absent

D. Dittrick

Guest

R. Sarrel

Member Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm according to the Open Publics Meeting Act.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed meeting minutes from April 4, 2016. Secretary Kraynak asked if there were any changes or corrections to the meeting minutes if not is there a motion approve the meeting minutes. Member Glawe made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Member Hendricks second the motion. All members were in favor.

Correspondence

- Reviewed NJ Municipalities Magazine April 2016
- Reviewed Spring/Summer Edition of Hanover Happenings Newsletter. Secretary Kraynak asked the commission if anyone had any ideas for articles to be submitted for the Hanover Happenings Newsletter. Member Glawe said he will write an article about Sustainable Jersey.
- E-Blast – May – Memorial Junior School Environmental Club Creates Rain Garden Exhibit. Secretary Kraynak said that the Memorial Junior School Environmental Club Rain Garden was in the May E-Blast under the Environmental Commission page. Member Iannaccone said that in a few weeks they are going to dedicate the rain garden and that he will be attending the ceremony.

Certified Mail

- Reviewed Dempsey, Dempsey & Sheehan – Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation Extension Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation – One Health Plaza, East Hanover, NJ Block 99, Lots 9.02, 12, 14, 15, & 16 Block 128, Lots 1 and 12. The Environmental Commission had no comment with this application.
- Bowman Consulting - Hanover Crossroads Hanover Township Block 1702, Lot 12.01, Block 17.01 Lot 8 seeking a Treatment Works Approval. The Environmental Commission had no comment with this application.

Old Business

- Shred Day Event – 8am – 11am, Saturday, April 30 at Employment Horizons, Cedar Knolls. The Shred Day event was a huge success record turnout 98 people attended and 2,170.9lbs of paper was shredded.

New Business

- Arbor Day Celebration – Friday, April 29 1:30pm – 2:00 pm. Member Glawe and R. Sarrel attended the Arbor Day Celebration at Veterans Memorial Park. Member Glawe and R. Sarrel both said the ceremony was wonderful.
- Ash Trees- Liaison Gallagher suggested that he thought that the Environmental Commission should be involved with education. Liaison Gallagher said that the tree borer that is going to ruin the Ash Trees is going to be big. Member Glawe suggested that we could give a hand out at Hanover Township Day.
- Solar Systems- Chairman Wilson said that Connecticut and Massachusetts sponsored group buying of the solar systems. Chairman Wilson said whoever is interested can ban together. Chairman Wilson said the more the residents ban together the lower the solar would cost. Chairman Wilson asked if there was any interest? Member Glawe thought it would be a good idea. Chairman Wilson said that the solar costs have come down a lot. Chairman Wilsons said that solar farms can be developed. Liaison Gallagher suggested if the Environmental Commission really wants to do this it would have to be sent to the township committee.
- Adopt-A-Spot – Liaison Gallagher said that the island across from the municipal building belongs to the state. Liaison Gallagher said eventually we will get jurisdiction of the land.
- Planting Trees - Liaison Gallagher suggested we should set aside money in the Environmental Commission budget to plant trees in Hanover Township in really nice spots around town where people could enjoy the trees. Liaison Gallagher suggested planting Sycamore trees and Red Oaks. Chairman Wilson asked what would the cost be to plant the trees? Ron Sarrel said it depends on the caliber of the tree. Chairman Wilson suggested we should put it in the E-Blast and do it as a fundraiser. Chairman Wilson said he thinks people would donate money for the planting of trees. Member Iannaccone said first we should figure out where we would want to plant the trees. Liaison Gallagher suggested that we put a list together of locations where trees are to be planted.
- Historical Monument - Ron Sarrel said that on Route 10 (near the Whippany Diner and Whippany River) there is a historical monument and part of it is

missing and also that you can't tell where the beds of plants begin and where they end.

- Commercial Buildings- Ron Sarrel asked the commission if there is a person at town hall that gives a commercial building a summons if it's not being maintained? Member Iannaccone said there is a person at town hall but he doesn't know how involved they get with the landscaping of a commercial property.

Adjourn

- Secretary Kraynak asked at 8:10 pm if there is any further business if not is there a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Hendricks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Wilson second the motion. All members were in favor.