

2014	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	SEP	OCT	NOV
M. Herzberg, Chair	P	P	A	A						
D. Rasmussen, Liaison	P	P	P	P						
A. Dohl	P	P	A	P						
J. Schaffer	P	P	A	P						
B. Weeks	P	P	P	A						
B. Strom	P	P	P	P						
D. Hirsch, Planning Bd.	P	A	A	A						
S. Burke			P	P						

Key: P=Present, A=Absent, Gray Box= Minutes Assigned/Taken

## 2014

Angela called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Due to the Holidays and vacations, a number of members could not attend.

### Minutes of March meeting:

**The minutes were distributed last month, and no comments from those who were able to attend.**

### Correspondence

1. Nothing came in the mail.
2. Dorothy reported that the Letter to NJDEP's Bob Martin to request funding for recreational trails be reinstated was given to the Mayor but that as far as she knew, had not been sent.

### Open space inventory

1. Another brief discussion on the "Walk the Parks" day, though with many absent, selection of a date was tabled. Dorothy stated that the purpose of this walk would be to inventory several parks for numbers of trees down, and other storm damage or vandalism that needs to be addressed. One tentative date was mentioned to discuss at the next meeting : May 31, 2014

### Greenway

1. NJ Together Grant – no news on this at the meeting

### Dismal Swamp

1. Eagle Scout Project –Nikolai Krebs informed Brian just before the meeting about the proposed name for the Trail he built, "opalanie" which means Eagle in Lenni Lenape. Brian asked Nikolai to possibly plan an opening ceremony.
2. Edison Wetlands Grant –no news.

## **EARTH DAY**

1. As discussed at the March meeting, our Earth Day event will be on April 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Senior Center, starting at 9 a.m., 500 tree saplings (2-4 ft. height) will be distributed. These trees are being donated through the NJ Shade Tree Federation as part of Sandy Relief (donations from Fed EX and BJ's). More information to follow. At the meeting Dorothy initiated a sign up for members of our group who can attend, along with Shade Tree Commission and others. Advertisement was in 4-16 issue of the Criterion.
2. Dorothy also discussed hoping to start a "Tree Bank" (possibly at the Tennis Courts) to store and care for trees that could be replacement for street trees and other public areas. (as a follow up for any trees which were not taken by residents) The water truck that the Borough purchased at Dorothy's prompting would come in handy for this.

## **Recycling**

1. Angela again introduced the idea of having an Electronics recycling day, that would be advertised and for which the commission would attempt to expedite by being at the Center on a designated day for drop off, or possibly provide transport of some items with members' vehicles.

## **Other**

1. ANJEC \$1500 grant – The Rain Garden at Edgar Woods application was written and sent by Bill Boerth on behalf of the Borough. Beth has attended 2 Rain Garden Workshops in the past month and has plans in the works. There have been discussions with the Edgar Teachers who are supportive of the idea. We will hear by April 26<sup>th</sup>, and then can finalize and hopefully move to implementation.  
Sustainable New Jersey- Dorothy introduced the idea of a collaborative effort with the Shade Tree commission
2. Beth Showed a brief video produced by Rutgers describing the purpose of and process for installing Rain Gardens in the community.

## **New business**

Sustainable New Jersey- Dorothy introduced the idea of a collaborative effort with the Shade Tree commission and other Borough groups to attempt to get enough "points" attributed to the Borough to be certified as a Sustainable Municipality. There will be a more lengthy discussion at the next meeting.

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be May 21, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM