

**Minutes, Meeting of the Metuchen Environmental Commission
September 17, 2014**

2014	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
	15	19	19	16	21	18	20	17	22	19
M. Herzberg, Chair	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P		
D. Rasmussen, Liaison	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
A. Dohl	P	P	A	P	A	A	A	P		
J. Schaffer	P	P	A	P	P	M	A	M		
B. Weeks	P	P	P	A	P	P	M	P		
B. Strom	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P		
D. Hirsch, Planning Bd.	P	A	A	A	P	A	P	P		
S. Burke			P	P	P	P	A	P		

Key: P=Present, A=Absent, Gray Box or where M is indicated = Minutes Assigned/Taken.

September 2014

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes of June meeting

Approved

Correspondence

NJDEP bulletin: Two issues with nothing for Metuchen.

Old Franklin Schoolhouse flyer of upcoming events was also received.

Middlesex Greenway

Nothing New

Dismal Swamp

Nothing new

Metuchen Fall Street Fair

This year's theme is the movies. Since there was no clear application for the Commission, it was decided to stick with our typical program. Focus points to include: Greenway, Recycling, Sustainable Jersey, Rain Gardens, Rain Barrels, Edgar School Project, Greenway Support Material, and Re-use of items from previous years.

Recycling

Nothing New

Sustainable Jersey

In the first submission round, Metuchen earned 40 points out of 200. Several additional items were added for the second round.

The Borough Council has passed several resolutions related to Sustainable Jersey, including: Supporting the Green Team (2014-178) and Sustainable Land Use Pledge (2014-179).

Also discussed were: Prescription Drug Collection, Community Forestry Plan/Tree Protection Ordinance, Community Shredding, and Buy Fresh/Buy Local Campaign.

Tree Farm

Nothing new

Open space inventory

Nothing new

Planning Board

A special subcommittee is planned for the potential planning board hearing in October.

Planning Board Liason Dan Hirsch will be stepping down from the Commission and the Planning Board in December to focus on another community volunteer opportunity.

New business

None.

Next meeting

Wednesday October 22nd at 7 p.m. (postponed 1 week from regular schedule)

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joseph Schaffer