

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

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

March 2014

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. We welcomed our newest member, Sharon Burke, who is a resident and Civil Engineer. She is also a member of the 'Green Drinks' coalition.

Minutes of February meeting:

1. Brian had a copy of the minutes with corrections, it was emailed later to Angela who filled in. Angela forwarded both January and February to all for review.

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. She said she would check if it was sent.

Open space inventory

1. There was a brief discussion on the "Walk the Parks" day, though with many absent, selection of a date was tabled.

Greenway

1. NJ Together Grant – no news on this at the meeting.
2. Dorothy discussed the 12 acres next to the Greenway is being targeted for acquisition by the County, that came up at the latest Greenway meeting.
3. Extension – Brian and Dorothy discussed again the need for this.

Dismal Swamp

1. Eagle Scout Project –No news to report, though Brian was hoping for an update soon.
2. Edison Wetlands Grant –no news.

Though it was reiterated that there is still need to move ahead with the GIS, mapping, etc. gathering other natural resource data layers and building interactive web site.

EARTH DAY

1. Though Beth had signed up for the Rain Barrel Workshop, a funeral prevented her from attending. The Rain Barrel Idea for Earth Day could not move forward.
2. Dorothy introduced a back up plan. On April 19th, at the Senior Center , starting at 9 a.m., 500 tree saplings (2-4 ft. height) will be distributed by those member of our group who can attend, along with Shade Tree Commission and others. 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.
Advertisement is scheduled for the 4-16 issue of the Criterion.
3. 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. The water truck that the Borough purchased at Dorothy's prompting would come in handy for this.

Recycling

1. Nothing new

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 26th, and then can finalize and hopefully move to implementation.

New business

1. None, other than our great news of having Sharon Burke join the commission.

Next meeting

1. Assuming that we will meet at 7 p.m. on April 16th. Mark may not be present. May need to reschedule April meeting (no news on this as yet).

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Strom