

Norwood Environmental Commission
February 10, 2014
Minutes

8:04 pm Chair calls regular meeting to order

Christine reads the Open Public Meetings Law. We have a visitor – Paul S. Haberman

Roll call

Attending:

Christine Hageman, Chair (201)835-5687

Jean Hanley, Secretary

Dave Elling, Hist. Pres. Comm. Liaison

Jim Elling, Vice Chair

Frank Marino, Council Liaison

Not Present:

Paul Kozel

Laurie Hageman - A

Barbara Vanderbeck, Treasurer

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of November 11, 2013 are approved by Executive Committee- all approve

Minutes of January 13, 2014 are tabled.

Correspondence: – approved

Announcements:

PB Meeting next meeting is on 2/20/14 – the master plan review is coming up

ZBOA meeting on 3/6/14 at 8pm - D'Ercole/Stonebridge Variance Continuance

BCUA E-HHW Collection – 3/6/14 9am-3pm at BCUA, Moonachie

Old Business:

PB Applications: none

ZB Applications: Stonebridge Manor (D'Ercole Farms) - townhouse proposal – application vote carried to March – There was a meeting last week where they were supposed to vote, but instead they granted the applicant an extension of time, to come back next month, maybe with some changes. A discussion ensues about the application (getting Paul up to date).

Fox Hill Woods - application submittal pending engineer receipt of EC info – After one of the meetings that Christine was attending, she saw Dan Kaufmann (NEA) and spoke with him about getting the cost estimate for the overlay we need done. If Christine can get together what we need and get it to Lorraine on Wed, when the town has their DEP specialist in, they can look it over. If it is too expensive, we can put it out to bid; bench needs installation; schedule invasives cleanup

Tree City Renewal – application submitted – tree city signs need to be found and put up. We have been a Tree City for 5 years now (started 2010)

NV Earth Fair/Shredding Event – update – The participants as of now are Norwood, Closter, Cresskill, Northvale, Old Tappan, Demarest Nature Center & some volunteers from Demarest. All of the Committees have met, administration is completely apprised of the situation and we have met with the Police Chief, the DPW supervisor as well as the Mayor. The basics are all worked out and now we are concentrating on the details. A discussion ensues about the Earth Fair, catching Paul up to date. The tree seedling purchase -pending success of obtaining free seedlings; Chef Bob is interested in doing food, but wants to know if we are going to have a lot of other food vendors there. He has lost money at these events in the past and is wary. A discussion ensues about the Zeppoli Man. A discussion ensues about the new Thai food place in Norwood. A discussion ensues about the 5K run people and the vendors that they have come to their event. A discussion ensues about having a water truck and the cups that advertise a company sponsor.

Finance Report - pending Barbara's return from vacation

Spring Cleanup status - need to reschedule – waiting to hear back from the Boy & Girl Scouts about a good time to set a regular semi-annual clean-up that everyone can plan on happening and set schedules in advance. We haven't heard back yet. Maybe the next leaders will be interested.

New Business:

PB Applications – none – Master Plan update is beginning

ZB Applications – no new applications

Sustainable Jersey - Bronze award plaque is being mailed that says we are Certified but in order to keep it we need to upload the fleet inventory by June 2014, once we get it from the Secretary of the Police Chief. We will revisit certification updates when Barbara returns from vacation; revised grant application submitted

Volunteers Support – A discussion ensues about a potential partnership with the non-profit Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization (MEVO). A discussion ensues about this young group of 1500 volunteers (formed 5 years ago) and all of their accomplishments over the last few years. They help set up gardens in schools and community gardens in municipalities, organized clean-ups, gotten high school Environmental Clubs started, go to town events, etc. Hopefully we can form a long term partnership with them. They can help with invasive clean-ups and maybe they can help do a tree survey.

Open Discussion

Christine asks Paul if he is interested in joining the Environmental Commission and Paul says yes! A discussion ensues about Paul. A discussion ensues about Tree Ordinances. A discussion ensues about the Jones Property on Broadway and Tappan. A discussion ensues about the Green Team. Cultural Affairs Committee – newly established by Mayor and Council (Only Frank and Jeff Krapels are on the Committee so far) – Summer Concert Series proposed- the first being a Children's Concert at the end of June with Cho Dae, Norwood Public School and the High School, a second concert in July, with a Billy Joel Band (out of Long Island) or an Art Show, they need to plan something for Aug. and then October (Norwood Day) they will have something. A discussion ensues about the origins of the Cultural Affairs Committee.

Jim mentions that the Norwood Historical Society has a lecture on 2/19/14 on Genealogy at the Episcopal Parish Hall at 7:30pm. The lives of 3 sisters growing up in this area in the early 1900's, the author lived in Norwood.

The Earth Fair Entertainment Committee was talking about an Environmental Art in the Park exhibit/contest and Christine asks if the Cultural Affairs Committee would like to judge it, and Frank replied that he and the Chief were already too busy to take on anything else at this time. Christine asks if they would like to promote their Concert Series at the Earth Fair with some hand-outs or a display poster and Frank agrees that would be a good idea.

Next Meeting – March 10, 2014

Motion to adjourn the meeting is unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 9:28PM

APPROVED

Chair

Secretary