

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE HIGHTSTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Date and Time: April 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Meeting Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Attendees:

Michael Bollentin (Chair)
Joseph Studholme (Vice Chair)
Henry Wang (Secretary)
Gary Grubb
Alexa Gamburg
Judith Schuler
Todd Frantz (Council Liaison)
Valerie Kunis (resident)

Absent:

Shani Peretz
Tom Muza
Lucia Middleton (Watershed Institute)
Isabella Fowler
David Zaiser (Shade Tree Official)

1. **Open Public Meeting Act Statement: In Compliance with Chapter 213 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of the Annual Notice published in the Trenton Times and Princeton Packet by the Borough Clerk and posted on the Borough Website.**
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved
3. **Attendance:** Judy Schuler was sworn in as a new member of the EC by Todd Frantz.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Regular meeting minutes from February 27, 2024 were approved.
5. **Shade Tree Matters:** David's report was not distributed prior to the meeting, and not discussed as David was not present.
6. **Youth Leadership Internship:** the final presentation took place at the Hightstown Rescue Squad on March 26, 2024. EC members, Watershed representatives, parents, and other members of the community were present. The project was a major success with the students making great progress on the Hightstown Water Story.
7. **Complete Streets Committee** – Mobility Plan Implementation (recurring item on agenda): no updates
8. **Sustainable Jersey** (recurring item on the agenda): Michael is in contact to make sure we are on track. He will update accordingly.
9. **Old Business**
 - a. The stream cleanup will take place on Sunday, April 21st.
 - b. The shredding company has been scheduled.

10. New Business:

- a. Memorial Day Parade: it is unclear whether EC can participate in the parade. We might need to get a banner first.
- b. Joe started looking into stocking Peddie Lake with help from the NJDEP Fish & Wildlife.
- c. We are applying for a grant through the ANJAC for \$1,500. First two thoughts for use would be for the Greenway signage or signage around Peddie Lake/Memorial Park.
- d. Ordinance containing language for native plants: we will discuss this at another meeting once David is present. Michael has information regarding the ordinance, to be distributed before the discussion is to take place.

11. Parks and Recreation: none

12. Planning Board Update: Henry will reach out to Planning Board to see if we can clarify who the liaison should be.

13. Grants and Funding Update: none

14. Plan Review: None

15. Liaison updates:

- a. The Watershed Institute: none
- b. Meadow Lakes: none
- c. Peddie School: none
- d. Hightstown High School: none

16. Correspondence: None

17. Conferences and Workshops: None

18. Council Updates: None

19. Adjournment