

Minutes of January 22nd Meeting
Tenafly Environmental Commission
Municipal Center

In Attendance: John Purdy (partial), Jim Coyle, Gillian Garrett, Anna Makrinos, Nina Seiden, Chairman Jon Warms and Bob Culvert.

Chairman Jon Warms called meeting to order at 8:13pm. Committee welcomes G. Garrett and A. Makrinos.

Organization Jim Coyle was elected vice chairman, John Purdy – secretary and Anna Makrinos – alternate secretary.

Calendar of Meetings Approved. This is the 2015 TEC meeting calendar:

January 22, 2015
February 19, 2015
March 19, 2015
April 16, 2015
May 21, 2015
June 18, 2015
July 16, 2015
September 17, 2015
October 15, 2015
December 3, 2015

All meetings are on Thursdays and start at 8:00pm in the Borough Hall Conference room.

Minutes of November 20, 2014 Approved.

Tennis Court Lighting Project There was a discussion about the funding for the improvements to the Roosevelt Common tennis court lighting. Jon will report on the project's status at the next meeting.

Planning Board The Planning Board approved the application of the Grove Street convenience store (dumpling shop) to add a second story. Buffer zones/streams not be affected and project will meet all local ordinances. A minor subdivision at 274 Woodland was approved. Construction and flood control off of Oxford revisited in construction plans. Waterways of the Tenakill Brook have not been touched. Good flow and feeder streams have not been altered.

Green Team Update: Salute Conservation and Recycling and Work Closely with Department of Public Works with all projects

Looking into Earth Day in Tenafly with a table opposite of the Post

Office (Tenafly Road and Washington Ave)

Introduced "Trees are Good" program. Pamphlets and program books will be available. Theme when homeowners want to cut down trees: "Trees provide benefits to people and the community we live in." Website treesaregood.org provides the public with educational information about the benefits of trees and how to properly care for trees. The site contains resources from the International Society of Arboriculture, and also provide a collection of reliable tree care for sick trees. DPW is pushing the Tree Ordinance Guidelines through out the town. Everything is outlined by the Tenafly Community Forestry Management Plan.

OSTF Committee status The Open Space Trust Fund committee is in the formation stage. Nina and John P. (after the meeting) confirmed their interest in joining the committee. Jon W. will contact Councilmember LaMastra. We discussed past uses of the borough's OSTF.

Recycling Status DPW report given - No major changes (Plastic 1-7 accepted.) Styrofoam will no longer be accepted for recycling; it should be trashed. DPW Website updated.

Beautiful Tenafly Suggestions: Business Improvements and Beautification Plan of Tenafly have already planted beautiful Cherry Blossoms in the past. (Near Piermont, Grove, and Forest Ave) Any new trees or bushes planted in town cannot be a monoculture decision. They could get sick and we lose them all at once. Discussion led to the possibility to plant Horse Chestnuts, Star Magnolias, and Redbud Trees. Councilman Park has mentioned Cherry Blossom trees. Problem is they only blossom 1-2 days. Not a cheap tree. Weeping Willow is a messy tree. See Roosevelt Commons.

Swim Clubs parking lots: Looked at the town of Teaneck's Solar Panels and their damage during snowstorms. Committee concerned with new, and young drivers that use the parking lot from the high school. Parking lot in bad shape and needs to be repaved. Also, power generated by solar panels would be forward to the DPW, which would require additional utility poles and cabling and would be expensive. Board of Education is waiting to pave the parking lot. One benefit would be that the panels could act as carports. The consensus was not to recommend solar panel installation.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24pm.
Respectfully Submitted by Anna Makrinos