

Minutes of the March 19, 2015 Meeting
Tenafly Environmental Commission
Municipal Center

In Attendance: Chairman Jon Warms, Dan Parks, John Purdy, Nina Seiden, Anna Makrinos, Jeff Miller, Jim Coyle, Hercules Invictus, Robert Culvert and a guest, Peter Ponzi – Executive Director of the Nature Center.

Chairman Jon Warms called meeting to order at 8:15 pm.

Calendar of Meetings FYI. 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 February 19, 2015 Jeff motioned to approve, Jim seconded, motion carried.

Green Team Update: A student from THS noted they are encouraging students to use reusable versus disposal water bottles. A pamphlet regarding recycling is being developed. An update to the Environmental Commission is needed. Add to the newsletter about community gardens with raised beds, the HS already has one

Community Garden Discussion one between the library and Tenafly Road, as proposed by Carole Hodges.

OSTF Committee Report The Open Space Trust Fund committee is in the formation stage. Nina and John P. agreed to serve on the committee to represent the TEC. There will also be two from the rec committee and two from the historic committee and a realtor. The OSTF will advise the council of new proposals for the OSTF to consider. The value will be in the \$2.2 to 2.3 M range for the 10 year duration. The committee will also consider renew the funding through referendum.

Note: Nadia Lamastra reached out to Nina and John P to schedule the first meeting tentatively planned for March 26th.

ANJEC There is a \$1,500 grant available towards the preservation of open space, need ideas to apply for this grant. The Environmental Commission was considering applying for the grant using a community garden, however Dan Park

said a proposal couldn't be prepared in time. Peter Ponzi presented applying for the grant for the Nature Center to do a GPS Inventory/assessment. The will create a Trail Master Plan and allow submitting grants for additional funding (see attached). All agreed this was a worthy cause and Peter will apply for the grant.

Tennis Court Lighting Project No update, Jon noted that the Borough has applied to the County for tennis court lighting. We expect the grant to be awarded but it won't be official for several months.

Recycling Status No update. A new compactor at the DPW was purchased, the oldest one will be used for paper, the new one to shred comingles.

Other Business No update. Jon noted that Riveredge Road is too wide by Tenafly Road and that consideration was being given to reclaiming the area of the excessive width, demarcated by hatched line striping. Jon proposed for future consideration,

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by John Purdy