

Minutes of the April 16, 2015 Meeting
Tenaflly Environmental Commission
Municipal Center

In Attendance: Chairman Jon Warms, Dan Parks, John Purdy, Anna Makrinos, Jeff Miller, Jim Coyle, Hercules Invictus, Gillian Garrett and Robert Culvert.

Chairman Jon Warms called meeting to order at 8:02 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 March 19, 2015 Not ready, John P to distribute asap.

Green Team Update: THS will provide filling stations to facilitate using reusable versus disposal water bottles and is seeking funding. Add to the newsletter about community gardens with raised beds, the HS already has one. Tenaflly is not going to sponsor any activities for Earth Day or Arbor Day, noted old Tappan is.

Community Garden Discussion about six raised planting beds between library and Tenaflly Road

OSTF Committee status The Open Space Trust Fund committee met March 26th. Nina and John P. were in attendance. John P noted the first meeting went well, the members are two councilmen, Nadia LaMastra, the chair, and Mark Zinna, Matthew Mercurio and Michael Greeley from the rec committee and Martin Huguley, a realtor. Paul Stefanowicz and Michael Barrone from the historic committee were not present. Discussed the open space report the town had commissioned earlier. The OSTF will advise the council of new proposals for the OSTF to consider, the first being preserving open space and the second, other allowed uses of the fund. A general discussion about available property followed but currently nothing is within the funds current value. The value will be in the \$2.2-2.3 M range for the 10 year duration. The committee will also consider renew the funding through referendum.

Next meeting the fourth Thursday of the month.

ANJEC The Nature Center applied for the grant and is waiting to hear back.

Planning Board Discussed subdivision of 53 Knickerbocker. It was noted that the property owner did not need any variances and it would most likely be approved. A discussion was held regarding saving existing trees but there is no ordinance requiring this.

Recycling Status DPW will have trees available to replace those lost by Sandy, they also have 198 seedlings available for Arbor Day. Any leftover can be picked up at DPW office.

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