

**TENAFLY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2015 MEETING**

Attending: J. Warms, A. Makrinos, N. Seiden, J. Miller, J. Coyle, J. Purdy, H. Invictus, R. Culvert, D. Park.

Nature Center Update and ANJEC Grant - Trail Maps are almost complete at the Tenaflly Nature Center.

DPW Update- Recycling on schedule. 70 plants were planted. Seedlings along County Road Dean/Westervelt Cherry Trees planting all went smoothly. Private homes still need to contact DPW regarding tree removal. Hercules requested seedling information and town planting for his website.

Green Team Update – High School Environmental Club is considering water bottle drinking fountains. Green Team Members have looked at Cresskill Community Garden at Creston Park as a model garden to help plan Tenaflly's. The team will meet with Bob C. to discuss options. This meeting will be made prior to Council meeting in July.

OSTF Update: OSTF is expected to contain about \$2,000,000 at 2015 year end. All agree we need to make leadership stronger within our group. Open Space Tax will be up for renewal - June 2017. The Commission strongly believes the Open Space trust fund monies should be used for the acquisition of land for recreation and conservation purposes.

A recommendation is made that Mayor and Planning Board be presented a memo by Chairman Warms, reflecting our concern as a commission regarding property on Knickerbocker Road. Bob will confirm tree ordinance with Planning Board if needed. A. Makrinos seconds recommendation for memo to be sent to planning Board's Wednesday's meeting.

All were in favor.

**The Tenaflly Environmental Commission (TEC) is deeply concerned with the possible destruction of 282 mature trees of different varieties associated with the approval of a proposed subdivision of the property at 53 Knickerbocker Road**

The Commission is requesting more information by way of a survey of the vegetation on the property. In addition, the Commission implores the present owners to determine a plan for the trees. The essential nature of such a plan cannot be overstated. By way of example, the Commission understands that 49 trees will be removed just to create the subdivision and its access road.

Charlie Browns Update - A proposed Day Care Center – Commission believes there will not be any environmental impact but has traffic concerns. There are concerns of its historical importance. Nothing of the building is original but the TEC agrees there should be some type of plaque.

