

Minutes of the February 18, 2016 Meeting Tenafly Environmental Commission Municipal Center

In Attendance: Chairman Jon Warms, John Purdy, Anna Makrinos, Jim Coyle, Hercules Invictus, Olga Milanos, Allison Chertoff Dan Parks and Nina Seiden.

Missing: Robert Culvert

Chairman Jon Warms called meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Calendar of Meetings FYI. This is the 2016 TEC meeting calendar:

January 21, 2016

February 18, 2016

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March 17, 2016

April 21, 2016

May 19, 2016

June 16, 2016

July 21, 2016

August 18, 2016

September 15, 2016

October 20, 2016

November 17, 2016

December 15, 2016

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

Minutes of January 21, 2016 Meeting minutes were reviewed, amended and approved.

Green Team Update Discussed status of recycling in Tenafly. No plastic bags regardless if they have the triangle. Earth Day fair in Cresskill April 23rd. *Occurs over Passover.* Want to do Tenafly' resident only environmental fair?

Discussed Community Garden, rules and maintenance. 6' x 8' divided in half, discussed soil and compost testing costs are around \$1600/sample, maybe residents/gardeners will provide.

Recycling prices are plummeting for plastic due to low oil prices to make virgin plastic, only want 1, 2 and 5. Glass being crushed for landfill cover, metal OK. No market for electronics. Don't tie electronics to rest of recycling. Stay the course with residents.

Grass clippings should be used as mulch, not taken to recycling center.

HS waiting for 2900 bottles to come in, fountains installed December 2015.

Mayor has dinner with chamber of commerce, advertising opportunity with suburbanite.

Community Garden See above.

Other Business

Suburbanite noted that OSTF dedicated for Oresko Park. Intent is to complete furnishing of the park. Noted that OSTF no longer meeting to represent TEC, but this is a Historic Committee issue. Regarding use of OSTF monies that there is a process to be followed when using the monies for the secondary purpose and this needs to be followed. Need to develop a solid plan to connect with property owners prior to sale since it takes too long for the town to react to it.

Knickerbocker CC and Convent downsizing, CC has new construction going on.

Jim Coyle offered the following:

Nine points to be added from Jim.

Discuss progress with sustainable NJ next meeting ?

Start volunteer program to clean up community. ?

2016 Budget Request \$4,000 budget, same as this year.

ANJEC - Submitting for \$1,500 payment for TNC grant from NJ Trails, can apply for Community Garden, Jon will speak to Carole. ANJEC training available. TNC may also be available to apply.

Trees Program last year sent out notification to residents to plan trees, planting 67 trees last year, just ask and will receive if the site can accommodate.

Access for All Committee Hercules is the head of and will communicate between them and TEC.

Planning Board Report

29 Knickerbocker Wanted to subdivide for four homes, need variances. Rejected by Planning Board. Appealed with new plan for 3 lots, will be probably approved.

53 Knickerbocker Saving as many trees as possible. Subdivision for 10 lots approved. Notified TEC that they will be adding a sewer line.

19 Peter Lynas Court Subdivide into 2 lots, no reason not to approve.

Council Report – N/A

DPW report – recycling on going, prices going down. Can't recycle bags even with the recycling triangle on them. What's required to get to silver status?

New Business Resolution not to further discuss Geisinger field. Tree replacement, ongoing. Tree ordinance review. Clinton Inn changes, sold to another firm to convert to an old age home. Tenakill Brook riparian zoning limits development.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by John Purdy