

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Tenafly Environmental Commission
Municipal Center
September 15 2011**

Present

Dave Cavilla, Eileen Pleva, Joe Lavin, Jeff Miller & Jon Warms

Guests

None

Eileen Pleva called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

There was no quorum at this meeting

General Discussion

Eileen Pleva explained that she had been contacted by a local reporter to discuss the Open Space Fund. Discussion took place on the topic of the Fund as Jeff Miller was concerned that if the fund is halted it may be very difficult to resurrect it.

Jeff asked whether the town had made any progress in funding a solar system as there appears to be no action from the M & C. Jeff expressed concern that funding has dried up due to a precipitous drop in Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC) to values close to \$150.

Sustainable NJ

Tenafly has not yet heard back from Sustainable NJ.

Environmental Resource Inventory

Eileen will be submitting the documentation to Walmart seeking reimbursement for the inventory.

Website

Eileen has not heard back from the Borough Administrator regarding the website design and use of a local student to manage it. Jon Warms expressed concern that using a student may be less reliable.

Newsletter

Nina is working on an article for the Borough Newsletter on composting of leaves.

Fall Forum- Tenakill Brook Walk

Eileen is working with the Tenafly Nature Center to coordinate a Sunday they can run a forum to discuss the Tenakill Brook. The walk will be geared to adults but will not exclude children. Joe Lavin asked that the forum explain the brooks water flows into our drinking supply. The TEC will cover the cost of the environmental educator on the day of the event.

Correspondence and Contact

Eileen was approached by a resident concerned the town was wasting money on having a document shredding day. She mentioned the shredder may not cost the town any money, Joe Lavin added it may be on loan from Bergen County and the town may actually make money from the scrap paper.

Meeting was adjourned at 9.19PM

Respectfully submitted by David Cavilla