

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Tenafly Environmental Commission**  
**Municipal Center**  
**May 20<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Present**

Jim Coyle, Dave Cavilla, Joe Lavin, Jeff Toonkel, Bob Beutel, Eileen Pleva, Nina Seiden.

Eileen Pleva called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

**Minutes.**

The minutes of the March meeting were discussed and approved. Motion to approve by Jeff Toonkel and seconded by Joe Lavin.

**Old Business**

Sustainable NJ was discussed at the Green Team meeting held immediately prior to the opening of the TEC meeting. The results of the municipal energy audit are expected soon. Tenafly will be able to obtain additional credits for an anti-idling campaign as discussed at a past TEC meeting. All Sustainable NJ documentation must be returned by 9.15.10 to be considered. Green Building Resolution recommendations made by the TEC and submitted to the Planning Board were returned with changes. Motion to accept changes as made by Planning Board made by Jim Coyle and seconded by Jeff Toonkel. These revised recommendations can now be submitted to the Mayor and Council at their next meeting.

Eileen Pleva met with Maugham school officials to discuss moving forwards with the anti-idling campaign. Bob Beutel will submit a resolution to the M&C addressing anti-idling while Eileen will contact a potential speaker in Millburn that may make a presentation in the local schools.

The Greening Tenafly Forum tentatively planned for June 8<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled to the summer and organized by the Tenafly Nature Center.

Joe Lavin discussed "Adopt a Grass", another Sustainable NJ program. Dave Cavilla and Joe Lavin volunteered to write an article covering the topic of composting for an upcoming town newsletter.

**Rail Update**

Jeff Toonkel reported that at this time it looks as though State funding for the rail project is unavailable due to budget concerns.

**New Business**

The planning Board is aware of interest in development of the Stancato property on Dean Drive and subdivision of 28 Elkwood Terrace. Due to grade change there is a likelihood the Elkwood property may contribute to storm water run-off.

### **Environmental Inventory Update**

Gus Allen asked Eileen Pleva if the TEC is planning to update the environmental inventory. Eileen invited Gus Allen and Susan Gordon to an upcoming meeting to discuss the inventory as most members of the TEC are unfamiliar with the process. Gus was concerned that the inventory be updated and maintained as it is a vital requirement for sustaining an environmental commission. Eileen recommended we also review the relationship of Green Acres to the Environmental Inventory. To earn Sustainable NJ points our inventory will need to be less than 3 years old.

### **Grant Opportunities**

Mayor Rustin forwarded to the TEC grant information he received from the NJ League of Municipalities. As grant money is available it would be prudent to seek funding of the Tenafly Environmental Inventory. Jeff Toonkel made a motion to move forward on a Geographic Information System and Environmental Inventory, Jim Coyle seconded the motion. Eileen will check with the Borough Administrator to see if the TEC can apply for the grant directly.

### **Upcoming Greening Tenafly Forums**

The upcoming summer forum will be organized by the Tenafly Nature Center and will be based on local wildlife. Jeff Toonkel and Jim Coyle will organize the September forum which will cover the topic of Sustainable NJ. Jim Coyle suggested the TEC encourage local groups/clubs/ committees groups to present at the forum so as to create a broader public appeal.

### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to be discussed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Cavilla