

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Tenafly Environmental Commission
Municipal Center
April 19, 2012**

Present

Joe Lavin, Dave Cavilla, Jon Warms, Mary Norman, Jim Coyle, Bob Beutel & Nina Seiden

Guests

Mark Feldman

Joe Lavin called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.

Review of March Minutes

Jon Warms motioned to accept the March minutes with corrections and was seconded by Jim Coyle. Joe McDermott will make corrections and submit to the Borough Administrator.

Joe Lavin welcomed Mary Norman to the meeting as a new member of the committee.

Goals 2012

Joe discussed 2012 goals for the TEC which included working on the Silver Certification. He recommended we plan on completing the requirements by 2013 to beat the 2014 deadline.

Jon discussed an upcoming proposal that will be presented by the United Way of Bergen County to house developmentally disabled adults in a complex in Tenafly. The facility would house 10 individuals but count towards 10 units of affordable housing in town. The building would be built with funds from the Tenafly Affordable Housing Trust Fund- monies collected from developers who built in Tenafly.

At this time, Tenafly has not been able to obtain State approval to use the funds to build this complex.

Earth Day & Arbor Day

Joe had Jewel post a reminder on the town electronic billboard that would remind residents of Earth and Arbor Day.

Area meetings

Joe discussed past and future area meetings:

1. **March 30- Bergen Community College -Being Green Saving Green.**
 - Joe attended
 - Teaneck solar array on school buildings
 - Fair Lawn "Clean & Green Program" that could net the town a \$65,000 savings if each resident reduced garbage output by 1 lb per week

- Fairlawn has introduced a multi-page booklet covering recycling, freecycling, mulching and composting.

2. April 30 – Bergen County Environmental Council

- Joe and Jon plan to attend

3. May 2- Symposium on Water Quality

- Upcoming meeting will discuss issues of water that drains into NY Harbor
- No TEC members plan to attend

Other Discussion

Joe got a call from Jennifer Kleinbaum at the Tenafly Nature Center to notify him that they have requested an inspection by the NJ DEP to determine the official boundary line of any regulated freshwater wetlands, open waters or transition areas on a portion of Lot 1 Block 2702, and if freshwater wetlands are present, identify their resource value.

Meeting was adjourned at 9.14PM

Respectfully submitted by David Cavilla