

Tenafly Environmental Commission Minutes for 2/16/2012

TEC Approved: March 15th

The meetings started at 8:08pm with Joe Lavin, Dave Cavilla, Bob Beutel, Joe McDermott, Jeff Miller, Jeff Toonkel and Jon Warms present.

Joe Lavin reviewed the membership was 7 with 2 alternates and therefore a quorum required only 4 members or alternates.

The minutes for December and January were distributed and after minor corrections approved. Dave Cavilla will update the document for posting. At Dave's request a new secretary was requested. Joe McDermott volunteered.

A discussion of goals for 2012 was held. The following goals were agreed to:

1. Progress towards Silver Sustainability Certification
2. Advancing Environmental Education in the community
3. Improve interaction with Zoning Board
4. Suggest new ordinances or improvements to existing ordinances to provide guidance on environmental issues
5. Increased involvement in Planning application reviews

Next the "Cut it and Leave it" initiative was sent to the landscapers and an article was submitted for the Spring Tenafly newsletter. This should complete the required steps for the Sustainability credit.

Joe Lavin noted that while the process of buying household composting unit has changed the Bergen County Utility Authority is still offering this by appointment only.

The next agenda item discussed was the discussion of the DEIS. After discussion about importance of the Environmental Commission in this review process and that although some comments were provided to Peter they were not motioned or approved by the TEC, it was agreed that a draft letter that was consistent with the M&C letter and this informal comment list would be prepared and sent to Joe Lavin for editing. No one volunteered to draft this letter so Joe McDermott offered to do this. There was also discussion of comments not in the M&C letter including alternate grade crossings and a multi-story parking lot.

The Doggie Park was briefly discussed but no actions taken.

The next agenda item was Earth day 2012. It was decided that TEC would not pull together a major event but would use the opportunity if practical to bring greater awareness to the community.

Before adjourning there was a brief discussion about the possible artificial turf for the BOE field. There was no action taken.

The meeting adjourned a little after 9:30pm