

Englewood Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes April 8, 2013

Present: Lynne Algrant, Toni Fay, Crystal Brown, Jack Silberman, Kevin Lake, Aleta Frezzell

Absent: Steve Wiessner, Darryl Greene

Guests: HoJae Lee, Nenha Young, Lee DeWeerd-Mosley

Meeting called to order : 7:35 pm

Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Minutes for the February and March (with an amendment adding that we go forth and pursue an ANJEC open space grant) Crystal will take the lead.

Note: March minutes were approved with an amendment that Crystal and Jack will attempt to pursue an Open Space Grant with ANJEC.

Old Business:

- Lynne will check on the EEC's bank account to verify that some monies are still there.
- Crystal and Jack are working on ANJEC application.

New Business:

- Commission needs to make a policy recommendation about what we want to pursue by the June or July meetings.
- Day burners - Street lights on 24 hours a day as well as the parking garage. PSE&G has been notified. Kevin will put together a list and Lynne will reach out to David Hollenbecker at PSE&G as well as writing a letter asking what can be done to remedy this.
- Lack of recyclable bins in public parks - Suggest a plan as to how this could be done in a cost effective way. Ideas included citizens fund (Lynne will find out mechanism), advertising. Hackensack has a company that that brings the bins and you can advertise on the bins. Chicago has sleek big belly solar powered compactor bins that compact when full and there is a notification into DPW when full so that trucks are dispatched at that point. Costs is \$3,000 but who ever purchases them gets to have their logo on it. We can look at both models and make recommendations.
- Illegal Dumping – Train tracks by TD Bank is one of the location sites where this is occurring. Lynne met with Clyde Sweatt and he advised CSX is the point of contact.

- Anti Idling – Will discuss areas where there is consistent idling and possible remedies.

- Energy Savings - City put up \$25,000 and received \$60,000 for lighting where we put up new fixtures. (Library and some of the schools). City Manager received a report showing savings since installation of new lighting. We are now part of the New Jersey Sustainable Joint Meeting and can go out on open market rather than buying from PSE&G. Savings of approximately \$100,000 over a couple of years.

- Composting – Research ideas re leaves, mulch, woodchips. Need to have information before leaf season.

- Starting in the fall there will be once a week garbage, leaf and recycling pick up.

- Schedule a meeting with Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. to see if we could work together on a project. Aleta will take the lead.

Respectfully submitted by:

Aleta Frezzell