Pennsauken Environmental Commission

May 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES

Ana Fernandez_X ; Ellyn McMullin_X ; Sue Kofoet___ ; Darlene Hannah-Collins_X Jack Sworaski _X Joseph Blinebury __ Chad Holliday_X _ ; Olivia Glenn __ X _.

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Ana Fernandez, Chair.

Meeting Minutes

April minutes were reviewed. Correction: Olivia Glenn was present at meeting. Motion to accept minutes as amended made by Jack; seconded by Olivia. All approved.

<u>Financial Report</u> - Treasurer did not have report. The following was determined to be Commission's current financial status:

Bank Balance - \$420.00

Expenses to be paid: cost of Business cards, Ellyn to submit bill

Sustainable NJ Grant - \$500, Balance - \$100.15

Expenses: ANJEC membership - \$240.00 check sent by Township Expenses to be paid: Table skirt - \$159.85, Sue to submit bill

Reports of Standing/Special Committees

RX Disposal – Darlene to check if Pennsauken Police have new drop box

Planning Board – Betsy noted that there were environmental issues with former Dry Cleaner building on Browning Road wished to be used by Landscaper

County Programs – Next hazardous waste disposal is June 13th at Camden County College in Blackwood.; next shredding event is May 30th at Camden County College in Blackwood.

Bike Share – There are now 4 programs in the County (East Camden, Parkside, Collingswood & Pennsauken). Gloucester Twp. program is expected to happen soon. Ellyn to contact Ryan Wachter about attending next PEC meeting to discuss support and promotion of local program.

Bike Trails – Trail in Pennsauken from Kaign Ave to almost Route 130 is complete. There is a Bike Trail map in process. Plan can be seen on County website.

Community Clean Ups - Chad did not get video of Tippon's Pond to ANJEC in time for mini-grant program. Jack suggested that Chad apply for Clean Communities grant for Tippon's Pond. Tentative date: Saturday, September 19th. Darlene to talk to County regarding mini-grant Wesley Gaines Park, Derousse Ave, Delair clean-up.

Gateway Park –Olivia provided update: There's been several public meetings, 1 formal & 2 informal. There is 1 mile of existing trail; Olivia has received several suggestions for additional improvements . Next public meeting will be with the design firm and will include dinner.

Old Business

Community outreach

- Township Shredding & eWaste event May 16th was very successful. Betsy handed out Bike Share Flyers and advised of October Harvest Festival. Estimated over 400 cars. There were at least 8

pickup truck loads of eWaste (mostly TVs). Ana directed traffic and assisted unloading vehicles. New table covering displayed; Betsy provided canopy.

- Mutt Strut (Merchantville) May 17th. Ellyn set up and staffed table on Vendor Row. Bike Share flyers were displayed and distributed. Bike Share is available to Merchantville residents too. Grow-a-Bean packets were popular.

New Business

Recommendations for future recycling events:

Participants need to sign in (to ensure are from Camden County)
Need signage once vehicle is on Municipal property
Perhaps split lanes if vehicles have shredding only
Starting time earlier in the day

General Discussion - What is PEC's role?

Role is to develop volunteer force and programs
Suggestions: Have a calendar with the goal of having something every month
Betsy is developing a recycling flyer that will be printed in 3 languages
Need to have more of a presence in All Around Pennsauken, FaceBook; update and use Gmail account to communicate with residents.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Motion made by Ana; seconded Ellyn. All approved. Meeting Adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2015

Respectively submitted, Ellyn McMullin, Secretary