

Pennsauken Environmental Commission

October 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES

Commissioners: Ana Fernandez X; Ellyn McMullin X; Sue Kofoet X; Darlene Hannah-Collins X; Jack Sworaski X; Joseph Blinebury Chad Holliday X; Olivia Glenn X; Nhuan Van X

Committee Liaison: Betsy McBride X.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Ana Fernandez, Chair. Meeting held in compliance with the "Senator Byron M Baer Open Public Meetings Act".

Meeting Minutes

September minutes were distributed and reviewed. Several changes made in Bike Share section (new wording is in italics). Paragraph to read:

Bike repair workshop will not be happening as Akram is leaving area. 36th Street trail through East Camden *is still not open due to issues*. Use rights with Conrail / NJ Transit is impacting rail trail implementation in Pennsauken *from Cove Road to Haddonfield Road segment*. Suggestion – write letter to Duke Martz.

Wording change in Community Clean-ups: Last sentence removed.

New second sentence: *Sue to make flyer and send to Darlene.*

Jack made motion to accept minutes as amended, Chad seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Report - Bank balance as of September 30th - \$384.47. Ellyn turned in receipt to attending ANJEC Environmental Congress - \$65.00. Betsy needs copies of invoices from Sue and Chad to request reimbursement from Sustainable Jersey grant money.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees

President's Report – No word from Joe Blinebury, has missed most of 2015 meetings. Kelly Wenzel (Audubon Society) will be putting Pennsauken Environmental Commission on her distribution list for 2016 Petty Island programs/events.

Community Clean Ups - Wesley Gaines Park clean-up report: 11 people showed up, most in their 80s, planted 2 trees. Delair Boat Ramp cleanup cancelled due to breakdown in communication with Public Works. Public Works wants one point of contact with PEC. Chad Holliday will be that person.

Community Outreach – Sue & Ana staffed booth at Harvest Festival; assorted material/pamphlets displayed.. Altho there was no bike, several people signed up for information on Bike Share. Ran out of "Grow A Bean". Feedback: good location, would consider returning in 2016. Ensure arrangements for Bike Share bike!

ANJEC - Ellyn attended the Annual Environmental Congress in Branchburg. Theme: Fixing Our Water Woes: New Jersey's Bucket List. 2 of the 8 Environmental Achievement Awards were in Camden County: Waterford Twp. & Camden City. Links to Environmental Congress presentations are now on-line.

Bike Share – Jack noted that there are issues with the RR bridge over Gambler's Express. This may impact trail grant of \$700,000 already received by Township. Possible repair workshop in April 2016.

Communication/Marketing – Facebook now has 85 Likes. Olivia requested that pictures be sent to her or posted directly to site after all PEC events. Ana will enter contact info gathered from sign-up sheets into PEC's Gmail account. Note received from Green Indians about Delair Cleanup cancellation – Ellyn to respond.

Gateway Park – There has been new DRPA environmental remediation; more still needs to be done. There should be another public meeting soon – word will be passed.

Old Business

Event/program calendar – will be updated at November meeting.

New Business

New initiatives for 2016

- Support of trail system
- Open space issues
- Better support for Bike Share
- PEC invited by Griffith Morgan House to participate in Colonial Earth Day, Sunday May 1st.

Adjournment

Motion made by Darlene; seconded by Nhuan. All approved. Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 16 , 2015

THIS WILL BE THE LAST MEETING FOR 2015

Respectively submitted,
Ellyn McMullin, Secretary