

## **FAIR LAWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF May 4, 2005**

Wendy Dabney convened the meeting at 7:30

Members present were: Wendy Dabney, Mary Burdick, Jack O'Neil, Elaine Winshell, Todd Newman, Carol Wagner, Gina Bernstein, and Joe Pineiro. Marty Etler, Peter Kortright, and Jennifer Greenwood were excused.

**CORRESPONDENCE** was received from the DEP regarding the landscape on River Road. A letter was sent to Thomas Jefferson School regarding litter. Appropriate web sites were included for reference. The Beaver Dam Brook is on their property. Elaine Winshell received correspondence from NJ DEP advising that a structure that no longer exists on second Street was declared a historic site. Wendy made phone calls to Borough Manager Joanne Kwasniewski regarding the forestry survey. It was submitted to the state for approval. Copies of the tree ordinances were forwarded to the zoning and planning boards. There is a pressing need to educate the public. Wendy spoke with Walter Neal today who advised that there is a poor response from the public regarding the opportunity to have trees planted. Walter Neal needs help from us. A form could be put on our link on the Fair Lawn web site.

The minutes were accepted on a motion by Elaine Winshell and a second by Todd Newman. Jack O'Neil asked about the procedure for posting the minutes on the web site. He was advised that he may E-mail them to Ron Lotterman at [webmaster@fairlawn.org](mailto:webmaster@fairlawn.org). Elaine Winshell offered to send Ron the minutes between November and April.

**RADBURN STREET FAIR** = Discussion ensued regarding our staffing a table at the Radburn Street Fair on June 5. The cost is \$25. Perhaps we could share space with the League of Women Voters or the Garden Club.

Wendy advised that a proclamation for Arbor Day was made, but we need a photograph that may possibly be taken at the school.

**RIVER WALK** = Gina Bernstein advised that the Memorial School Environmental and Science Club, under the guidance of faculty advisors Peter Arts and Craig Cohen, will conduct a clean up of the Passaic River area on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We could have a display table there with bumper stickers and pamphlets such as "Protection for Streams and Reservoirs Begins in Your Backyard", "Nonpoint Source Pollution", and "Take Care of America". Gina will take care of our representation.

**TODD NEWMAN** discussed the availability of environmentally safe home landscaping. Last Thursday's special meeting of the zoning board was cancelled without notice. The next meeting will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The tree situation at the Naugle House is unresolved. The tree survey has been done. The planting of 900 trees is required, but they can be planted anywhere in the borough – not just on Naugle House property which may hold about 78 trees. Nothing further on Adopt-A-Park.

**ELAINE WINSHELL** received the latest NJ ANJEC report. The state should make the reading of the Municipal Land Use Law mandatory for zoning board members rather than just "recommended". She suggested contacting Assemblyman Bob Gordon.

**CAROL WAGNER** distributed copies of the April health report. NJDEP correspondence was received regarding Engine Rebuilders, Fisher Scientific, and Topps. Regarding Topps, three representatives from Anderson-Mulholland & Associates met on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Grange Hall with residents living near Topps. Only four of the eleven households showed up. Protocol regarding sampling was discussed. This sampling will be done in the next few weeks. Signed permission from the residents is needed. DEP will have oversight. The health department will be advised when the Site Hazard Health Program is completed.

**RECYCLING – No Report**

**LYNCREST UPDATE** = Suggested that brochures and fliers be distributed to neighboring residents to encourage the prevention of dumping. Passaic Valley Sewer Commission to do the heavy cleanup in May. Outdoor classrooms will be established. Boy Scouts could be utilized in ongoing cleanup.

**RIVER WALK EXTENSION** = No further progress on this.

**DOG RUN PETITION** = No progress. Someone advised that a lady named Alice working at the circulation desk of the library is interested in the dog run. Carol Wagner advised that 2,500 dog licenses were issued.

**GROUP PHOTO** = Carol Wagner advised that a group photograph will be taken at the June meeting for the 2005-2006 borough calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30. The next meeting will be held on June 1.

Respectfully submitted

Jack O'Neil