

## **FAIR LAWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF June 1, 2005**

**Wendy Dabney convened the meeting at 7:35**

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

**Guests included Antika Singh, FLHS Liaison, and Amy Kuperinsky, staff reporter with "The Shopper News."**

**The minutes were accepted.**

**Health Department report was presented by Carol Wagner.**

**Zoning board report was presented by Todd Newman. The Naugle property case was heard.**

**Planning Board Report was presented by Peter Kortright. River Road project plans are to be submitted. Included will be Summer infrastructure improvements in paving, curbs, & a new traffic light at 17<sup>th</sup> and Morlot Ave.**

**Borough Council Liaison Marty Etler advised that the "Scooter Bill" allowing scooters on private property was passed by the Senate, and will soon be released by the State Assembly.**

**Adopt-A-Park report was presented by Todd Newman. Todd stated that Memorial Park will be re-adopted by FLEC jointly with Memorial South Neighborhood Network. A cleanup is to be scheduled.**

**RIVER WALK = Gina Bernstein reported on the Memorial River Walk She advised that the Memorial School Environmental and Science Club, under the guidance of faculty advisors Peter Arts and Craig Cohen, conducted a clean up of the Passaic River area on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Gina and Jack O'Neil attended. We did have display table with pamphlets and stickers. No action on the River Walk Extension. Waiting for information regarding training. The dog run is always being brought up, but we need someone from the outside to come up with a firm plan. Wendy advised that the bicycle path is in the "pipeline", but the borough council is concerned over crossing problems at specific intersections. It has been five years since it was first proposed**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**SHADE TREE PROGRAM** – Walter Neal of the shade tree department is concerned as to where the shade trees should be placed. He has been invited to come and address us.

**RADBURN STREET FAIR** – We will share a table with the League of Women Voters. We need someone to attend it between 1 and 3 pm.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Mr. Bradley, Director of Elementary Education Curriculum , advised that there is a “Nature of Learning” grant to provide “seed money” for Lyncrest School. We will need borough council approval, but everyone seems to be generally in favor.

**TODD NEWMAN** discussed the “Lyncrest Wildlife Center”. The dumping of grass is still a problem. A mulching mower was discussed. Todd made a motion that the Environmental Commission send a letter of support for the “Nature of Learning” grant to the council. Joe Pinerio seconded the motion which passed.

**PETER KORTRIGHT** discussed funding sources for planting, draining, etc. Mr. Garrison should be contacted. Stormwater regulations are also involved and should be addressed.

**ANTIKA SINGH** reported that there will be a cultural diversity night at Fair Lawn High School on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cost is \$30. FLHS marathon will be from Friday through Sunday. She will be attending Rutgers this fall, so a new FLHS liaison will have to be appointed.

An “Adopt a Park” cleanup is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>. A date will also be set for Memorial Park (FLEC & Memorial South Neighborhood Network).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50. The next meeting will be held on July 6.

Respectfully submitted

Jack O’Neil