

FAIR LAWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JAN 4, 2006

Chairperson Wendy Dabney convened the meeting at 7:45

Members present were: Wendy Dabney, Jennifer Greenwood, Jack O'Neil, Carol Wagner, and Gina Bernstein..

Wendy advised that Elaine Winshell and Mary Burdick resigned their membership on the commission. Gina Bernstein and Jenna Greenwood are full voting members. Maureen Moriarity is being appointed as an alternate member. There is one alternate position open. ANJEC records will be updated.

Wendy distributed copies of the Fair Lawn Environmental Commission Vision Statement. The vision statement will be posted on our web page.

The Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) should be done professionally, and not just by an appointed committee with a limited capability to do so. Council should pay for this through a grant.

JACK O'NEIL advised that the list of members on the web page must be updated, and we will have to determine the name of our council liaison. It was suggested that we have a representative from the Open Space Committee as an alternate member. Wendy will explore this possibility at the next Open Space Committee meeting scheduled for Jan 12th..

CORRESPONDENCE

An interoffice memorandum was received from Web Master Ron Lotterman recommending that all department heads, boards, and commissions update their web pages for 2006. Submissions should be in MSWORD or TEXT format on a disk or E-mail to: PHOTOS@fairlawn.org.

An interoffice memorandum was received from Paul Leybov advising that he is the new president of Fair Lawn TV in place of Stuart Smart. His Fair Lawn TV office phone is 201-794-5394. His Fair Lawn TV E-mail is FairLawnTV@fairlawn.org.

Bergen County Parks Dept. is looking for a wetlands evaluation relating to Saddle River County Park. It may relate to a sand bar near Century Road bridge. A letter of interpretation is being sought. Naugle house to go before planning board.

Recreational trails grant of \$18,000 for Lyncrest school area trails has been applied for per Todd Newman.

Brochure received from Maxell relating to recycling, ergonomic matters, environmental, and health.

Wendy commented on River Walk. She took pictures. Jenna will determine the exact length of the entire river walk and prepare a power point presentation for the council public session (not work session) so that the public can be made aware of the project. We should start at the “easiest” part first to insure that enthusiasm for the project doesn’t wane. Consultation with Bob De Vito of the Passaic valley Water Commission will be necessary to determine how much they can they do toward the project. We would like to have a presentation for a February council meeting. Ron Conte, superintendant of public works, Fair Lawn Parks Dept. called to say that the tree planting will be on Arbor Day. Seventeen trees were planted at the Fair Lawn High School.

HEALTH DEPT

Carol Wagner distributed her report. She advised that there is another printer cartridge recycling firm that will take ALL cartridges – not just those on the original listing. Cell phone recycling project is going well. Regarding the Topps Cleaners situation, vapor instruction sampling for one home on Plaza Road had elevated PCE levels. NJDEP is requiring confirmation testing. Two other homes had elevated PCE levels on the second round of testing. NJDEP requires a mitigation plan for one home and continued testing for the other. Hayward property dirt pile not properly covered. Brochure on preventing skin infections in school and athletic settings was distributed.

RIVER WALK

Wendy advised that we should concentrate on this project. She will contact the mayor and council regarding the presentation at a February public meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack O’Neil, Sec’y