

FAIR LAWN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 3, 2006

Wendy Dabney convened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Members present were: Wendy Dabney, Jack O'Neil, Joe Pineiro, Carol Wagner, and Emil De Luccia. Marty Etler, Gina Bernstein. Jennifer Greenwood, Todd Newman, Stuart Alper, and Peter Kortright were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE =

A publication "Environmental Remediation" was received from Rutgers, and referred to Deputy Mayor Steve Weinstein.

"Watershed News Report" received.

May Watershed Festival will include paddling from Elmwood Park Marina to the Fair Lawn Avenue Bridge.

A volunteer organization is willing to oil goose eggs. Referred to Borough Manager Tom Metzler. Their website is www.goosepeace.org.

Information on Dundee Island advised that a large portion was purchased by Clifton. Access is at the end of Ackerman Avenue between Route 212 and River Road in Clifton.

Open Space Committee has met with Planning Board and Green Acres application has been approved. They will now apply for Passaic County funding.

"Fair Lawn Citizen" has been received. Wendy suggested that we have items in future issues.

There is a "Resident's Guide to a Clean Community" by Ron Lotterman

Wendy advised that silt fences at construction sites should reflect environmental sensitivity to stormwater management.

REPORTS=

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Carol Wagner submitted her April 2006 report. Topps Cleaners property had 5 wells approved in Feb. 2006 revised and approved on March 20 since groundwater and potential contamination was near bedrock. Require collection of future samples for arsenic contamination in ground water at Fisher Scientific. NJDEP issued a notice of violation at Fair Lawn Gas. Their Remedial Investigation Report was found to be incomplete. Recycling of cell phones and printer cartridges is going well.

ZONING BOARD – The Lyncrest School playground is covered with contaminated soil with glass. Should have been covered with sod.

PLANNING BOARD – Naugle House applicants to resolve unresolved issues at June 12th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS =

OPEN SPACE – Application for Green Acres funding has been submitted.

BIKE ROUTE – The bike route was dedicated with three plaques being presented. Two were from the county and one from Fair Lawn. Looking for another bike route possibly from Berdan to Radburn. Yellow signs are needed to alert motorists. Green signs are for the cyclists. May is National Bike Month.

WALK TO WORK DAY is on May 18th. A press release will be forthcoming to advise all residents and businesses.

SAFETY DAY is on May 20th per the Fair Lawn Police Dept. The Bike Rodeo is to be rescheduled to be held before the 4th of July fireworks. Bike registration will be available at the rodeo or at the Radburn Street Fair.

ARBOR DAY = Walter Neal would like to be informed of suggested places for trees – especially large quantities of trees. Six cherry trees will be planted on Elm Street near Walsh Pool where trees were removed.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Wendy cited an article on historic homes in “201” magazine.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORIAL SCHOOL CLEANUP = Emil De Luccia advised that the Memorial School cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 13th at 8am – rain or shine. He advised that the Passaic Water Authority cleaned 100 yards up to the “hill”. The trail is being chipped. The river front is about 3/4 to 1 miles long. Cleanup of municipal portion to be done by FLEC and Memorial South Neighborhood Watch Group on the same day. Time is 9am - rain or shine. Mr. Immerman has replaced Mr. Bratsbie as principal.

Lower Passaic River Alliance web site is www.wma4.org. Check the site for a calendar of events of the alliance. For inquiries, Ellie Gruber’s E-mail address is mandegruber@hotmail.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50. The next meeting will be held on June 7.

Respectfully submitted

Jack O’Neil