

Borough of Fair Lawn
Environmental Commission

April 1, 2009

Chairperson Dabney called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Present: Wendy Dabney, Gina Bernstein, Joseph Mele, Atiqaur Rahman, Phil Cassidy, Deputy Mayor Joseph Tedeschi, Health Officer Carol Wagner and Kim Wei.

Absent: Nancy Sperling and Emil DeLuccia.

Minutes: Postponed until next months meeting due to insufficient number of members present at last meeting being present at today's meeting.

Correspondence: Chairperson Dabney updated the members on correspondence e-mails between the Borough Manager and the Open Space Committee Consultant regarding the preparation of Smart Growth Planning grant to update the Environmental Resource Inventory. The application was submitted.

Reports:

Health Department: Health Officer Wagner reviewed the environmental correspondence/NJDEP Oversight report for March 2009 and answered questions for FLEC members.

Water Quality Team: Joseph Mele attended ANJEC program in Montclair and provided many good ideas on environmental awareness with kids such as a drawing contest and explained new storm water management tools.

Planning Board: Phil Cassidy reported that the Broadway Redevelopment will be scheduled for future meeting. The next meeting to discuss 18-02 River Road is April 20.

Educational Outreach: Chairperson Dabney forwarded information on a grant to the two teachers overseeing the Environmental Club of the Fair Lawn High School.

Council Liaison: Deputy Mayor Tedeschi mentioned that the EPA meeting is on the Mayor and Council agenda. Consensus is they are concerned about the cleanup process. Chairperson Dabney gave a historical overview of the Fair Lawn Well Field Superfund Site and the EPA public meeting.

Open Space: Chairperson Dabney stated that there is a \$750,000 grant for Open Space which has to be used or the money will go back to the State. The town is now looking to purchase open space. Letters were sent to some residents from the Mayor and Council that if they are considering selling their property to contact town officials. Some open space on the town's list is the VanderPlaat property, Naugle house and River Rd Development Corp property along the river.

Old Business:

Chairperson Dabney discussed the Environmental Resource Inventory and grant and provided a historical view of the last version, which was completed in 1996. Chairperson Dabney strongly urged for support of requiring monitoring wells around the town's wells and air strippers.

New Business:

Chairperson Dabney read a prepared letter to the Mayor and Council regarding the proposed plan for Well Field Superfund Site and read the letter to the FLEC. Chairperson Dabney asked for approval from FLEC members. Copies were sent to HAB, the Planning Board and Zoning Board. There was consensus except Joseph Mele who abstained.

18-02 River Road Site Plan Review: Chairperson Dabney asked Joseph Mele to do an OPRA request for Zoning Records regarding the history of this site and review. Chairperson Dabney will send an e-mail to Todd Newman (Planning Board) and Health Officer Wagner that the review of 18-02 River Road is ongoing.

Arbor Day: FLEC wants to participate in the tree planting for Arbor Day on a day in April whenever Walter from Shade Tree has the tree to do the planting.

Public Comment:

The Second Annual Canoe Race is June 6.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2009 at 7:30 pm

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Phil Cassidy, seconded by Joseph Mele to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.