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**(Approved at November 3, 2016 Meeting)**

Minutes of October 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Leon Lakritz. Also in attendance were Harry Larzelere, Vicky Binetti, Jodi Smith, Russ Price, Anne Hastings, Ann Culkin, Chet Nawoyski, John Boyer and Mark Phillips. The minutes from our August 31, 2016 meeting were approved as presented. Harry Larzelere abstained since he did not attend the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Harry Larzelere did not have a budget report tonight. Leon Lakritz noted that \$61.87 was spent to purchase printer ink cartridges for three members of the Environmental Commission who use their computers for Commission work.

**Old Business**

Workshop Meeting

There was no workshop meeting in September.

Clean Up Day

Anne Hastings reviewed the lineup of activities for Clean Up Day and announced changes in some site locations. She reminded members that the barbeque will start at noontime. Anne detailed the procedure which would be implemented if weather related cancellations were necessitated.

## Sustainable Jersey

Vicky Binetti chaired the October 1, 2016 meeting of the Green Team Advisory Committee (GTAC). She will send copies of the minutes from that meeting to EC members. She commented that there are 18 actions - several of which have already been completed - proposed to qualify for bronze-level certification in the Sustainable Jersey program. Vicky anticipates that the application will be submitted in June 2017. The GTAC is planning to make a presentation to update Township Council on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Turnersville Equities (Lidl)

The applicant for this project appeared before the Zoning Board on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the meeting the Environmental Commission presented our concerns that at least six issues listed in the Environmental Worksheet and deferred to the Environmental Impact Statement for a response were never addressed as the developer failed to submit the Environmental Impact Statement. In addition, it is the Commission's view that the applicant did not satisfactorily speak to nonstructural stormwater management strategies. The application was given preliminary and final approval.

## **New Business**

### Planning & Zoning Boards

In Rich Fini's absence, Leon Lakritz reported that the McDonald's Restaurant located at Egg Harbor Road and Delsea Drive will be remodeled. As part of the project, they will modify the drive thru lane, reduce parking spaces and change the signage.

### Environmental Resource Inventory

Vicky Binetti announced that the Open Space Trust Fund will pay the cost to update the Township's Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). The previous ERI was prepared in 1991. Solicitations to update the ERI were sent to four potential vendors, and quotations have been received from three. Vicky asked for volunteers to review the quotations starting next week. Open Space Committee members will also be asked to assist. Once an environmental consultant is selected, the Environmental Commission and Open Space Committee will request Council to approve a resolution to update the ERI.

### Chromium Contamination in New Jersey

A recently released report by the Environmental Working Group (EWG) stated that levels of chromium in tap water are of concern, compared to a target level developed by California researchers. Vicky Binetti gave an explanation of the presence of chromium in water as well as elsewhere in the environment. Vicky also pointed out that the trace level (average of

0.02 parts per billion) of chromium in our municipal water was the same as the recommended level the EWG supported.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Open Space Committee**

Leon Lakritz reported that the Community Garden was a great success this year, and he anticipates that in 2017 the garden will be started earlier in the season and the area of the garden may be doubled. No problems with deer were reported. A tiller was purchased and the Open Space Committee contemplates building a shed to store garden equipment. The materials to construct the community garden and the purchase of the tiller and accessories have been made possible by a generous donation from Councilman Nick Fazio.

The Open Space Committee considered recommending the purchase of properties on Hurffville-Grenloch Road. The purchase was deferred.

Leon Lakritz mentioned that the Open Space Committee is contemplating filing an application to enter into the New Jersey State Community Forestry Management Program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/Dorothy Hunter

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