

High Bridge Environmental Commission Minutes

February 13, 2023

EC meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7:30 – 8:30 pm at Borough Hall

Attendance:

Members Present: Jeanie Baker (Chairperson), Curt Nowell (Council), Diane Drude (Secretary), Lynn Hughes, Ann Willard, Alan Mart (Planning Board), Linda DeMarzo, Eric Crespo

Alternate member: Colleen Conroy

Old Business Items:

1. Columbia Trail report (Jeanie) – Nothing to report. A typical number of poop bags were there.
2. Lake Solitude – (Diane): Small amount of garbage. The sign does not have the "Do Not Swin" in Spanish.
3. Green Team Update – (Lynn/Pia): Looking into options to get to the next level.
4. Planning Board plans that affect EC – (Alan) – Nothing to report.
5. Treasurer's report – (Curt): No report currently.
6. 2024 Goal - (All): Reviewed the goals and made updates.

New Agenda Items:

1. 2024 Goal - (All):
2. Community forestry plan and upcoming event – (Curt): Will be meeting in the upcoming weeks. After the meeting there will be an update.
3. Councilman Doyle's work on deer management – (Curt): There is a proposal to close off public areas for two weeks to allow for hunters.
4. Invasive species program (2/27): (Jeanie): Showing the film on Invasive Species.
5. Train station update – (Colleen): Had the creative meeting there is an interest in creating a mural underneath.

Action Items:

- Jeanie will reach out to Pia for the artwork for the Invasive species booklet.
- Lynn will invite the Train team to a future meeting.

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High Bridge Environmental Commission Minutes

June 11, 2024

EC meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7:30 – 8:30 pm at Borough Hall

Attendance:

Members Present: Curt Nowell (Council), Lynn Hughes, Ann Willard, Alan Mart (Planning Board), Amanda Regan

Members Absent:

Jeanie Baker, Coleen Conroy, Linda DeMarzo

Old Business Items:

1. Columbia Trail report (Curt) – It is consistent with what it usually is. The worst thing is the poop bags thrown on the bridge or up in the woods.
2. Lake Solitude – (Jeanie): It looks pretty good.
3. Green Team Update – (Lynn/Pia): Lynn and Pia will meet this weekend to discuss the \$1,000 garden grant plantings.
4. Planning Board plans that affect EC – (Alan) – No updates.
5. Treasurers Report (Curt) - \$1,000 in the budget report. We spent \$250 on environmental testing in which no one really knows what it means. We spent \$70 on the bear program and \$67 on the flowers. A \$612 balance is remaining. We need to find out who is making these unapproved decisions on the EC behalf.
6. Soap Box Derby and Pooch Parade Report – Both great weekends. It was a great to show the EC presence.
7. Watering Schedule Concerns/Questions: (All) – Everyone has it. Anne is up this week. Key is attached to the watering containers.
8. Plants for Grant Planting – We will hopefully be putting the bathroom in the Commons within the next 6 months. Maybe we hold some funds for planting around the bathroom stations. Plants purchased for the commons walkway by Lynn and Pia should go in shortly after purchased. We will have to try and incorporate those within the watering schedule. We need to locate the hose. We will wait to see what Lynn and Pia find.
9. Quarterly Cleanup – Need a date and time. Jericho area all the way to the arches needs to be cleaned.
10. Scouts Coffee Ground Compost – Possible compost area on Dewey? Could be an area to add to. There are very specific rules about the town compost pile.
11. Programs for Fall – The coyote program is a potential option. Tom Shepherd offered to do a coyote option. Potential to have the program on the EC night which is an easier option..

New Agenda Items:

1. Chestnut Trees – His friend started to commercially grow chestnut trees. Cross of the Chinese American versions resistant to the fungus. It's a hybrid of the American chestnuts that were previously wiped out. These trees live up to 300 years. Possibility to get for next year. EC has 30-40 tree tubes to use if this becomes an option. Areas by Mine Road and the

bike tracks where there was devastation from EAB. Alan will talk to his friend about the potential price structure with an aim for early spring or Arbor Day next year. EC can put one or two in the Commons. New trees need some covering and mulch. Should EC buy some new tubes for the new trees that don't have wrapping? Can get cheap wrapping. Redbud trees near Union Forge Park need covering, two maples down by the ball fields, two or three in the Commons could also use wrapping. Motion made to spend money on up to twelve spiral warps (Lynn), second (Anne). Vote is unanimous in favor.

Action Items:

- Lynn and Pia to meet this weekend to discuss the \$1,000 garden grant plantings.
- Curt to check with Jen about the \$250 expenditure charged to the EC account.
- Check with Bob about any native plants that might be passed along in the community that might be possible for use.
- Curt to ask DPW where the hose is.
- Need to determine the quarterly cleanup date.
- Curt will talk to Brandon about the possibility of composting coffee grounds and will work through logistics. We need to find out how many grounds (volume and frequency) that would require transport.
- Lynn will reach out to Tom to see if he can book a coyote program for that Tuesday in October 8, 2024.

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July 9, 2024

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Attendance:

Members Present: Curt Nowell (Council), Lynn Hughes, Ann Willard, Alan Mart (Planning Board), Linda DeMarzo, Amanda Regan

Members Absent:

Coleen Conroy

Old Business Items:

1. Columbia Trail report (Jeanie) – Cleaned up some stuff on the trail including some dilapidated gnome home parts.
2. Lake Solitude – (Alan): There was some garbage, nothing excessive. The occasional can that was thrown out the window. Alan didn't walk up to the river side to see how it is.
3. Green Team Update – (Lynn/): We got our bronze recertification. We have a few extra points. We can keep working on the things that didn't make it.
4. Planning Board plans that affect EC – (Alan) – There's a meeting next week coming up related to the Casa Maya property. He doubts there's anything given its current location that would come up related to the EC. Curt mentioned that there will be some plantings associated with it. County planner usually takes a close look at.
5. Treasurers Report (Curt) – Money spending has been rectified. The \$250 was returned to the EC fund. The borough and council have agreed that it shouldn't have been taken from the account. No additional report.
6. Watering Schedule Concerns/Questions: (All) – Hose has been found and added onto. Susan and Bob were invited to the watering crew. They attached a dual spigot so we can use a long and shorter hose for watering at the same time. Sometimes people take walks past the areas, but not everyone is able to water when they think it needs more water. The idea that providing more than one key to the group might be unlikely.
7. Plants for Grant Planting – Pia, Sue, Bob and Lynn did the plantings over the weekend. Sue did a PO to get two more plants to be provided around the sign. DPW is picking up mulch from Lynn's driveway tomorrow to finish planting around the sign. Lynn also has 12 white tubes and took them and put them around a lot of the young trees. She has two left over.
8. Quarterly Cleanup – The quarterly clean-up is scheduled for August 10th for 9am.
9. Scouts Coffee Ground Compost – Curt hasn't had a chance to discuss with anyone since he's been away.
10. Coyote Programs for Fall – The date was set for October 1, 2024.
11. Chestnut Tree Program – The group discussed the ability to spend some money in the spring on Chestnut seedlings (hearty ones) to help reforest portions of the town that have been hit hard by the Emerald Ash Borer. Alan's friend would be happy to work out a discount for the next spring. Estimated price point is \$15-\$20 a tree.

New Agenda Items:

1. Community Forestry Discussion – We should have a separate meeting to discuss the Community Forestry Plan. We can ask the forester any questions we have about the plan. Curt will set a day next week to go through with a group, provide line item notes, and then provide to the forester. We should discuss the scope of our EC of what we are willing and able to do. The EC should determine those details together. The date for this working meeting is tentative for 7/16/24.
2. Weeding – Weeding should be added to the clean-up date. Main Street needs some additional attention for weeding. We should attempt this if there's enough help for the quarterly clean-up.
3. Monarch Way – Mia applied for and received a grant for planting trees from Raritan Headwaters. Mia's group will be looking for volunteers. There are no details as to when. It's estimated to be scheduled in the fall or spring.

Action Items:

- Jeanie will repost the rules for the trail again on social media.
- Jeanie will send out an email every week to remind everyone in case there's a plant that might need additional water for the group to contact whoever is on duty that week.
- Jeanie will look into getting native mint and some holly for next year to add to the plantings around the sign.
- Alan to check if his friend would have some seedlings (ten) available for planting this fall in the commons and to confirm the price of the trees.
- Jeanie will confirm the date/time/location for the working group meeting to review the community forestry plan.

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August 13, 2024

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Attendance:

Members Present: Jeanie Baker, Curt Nowell, Lynn Hughes, Ann Willard, Amanda Regan, Coleen Conroy

Members Absent: Alan Mart (Planning Board), Linda DeMarzo,

Old Business Items:

1. Columbia Trail report – (Jeanie): No official report. Slowly combing off the broken gnome homes and cleaning up litter.
2. Lake Solitude – (Lynn): Driven by view, same as always. Lots of goose poop. The lake is filling in more.
3. Green Team Update – (Jeanie): Adopt a drain (keeping debris free program for the residents). Got in touch with the person in charge of it. There was a Zoom call. We can play for our membership with clean communities' money. The first year is \$600-\$900 depending on how the drains are entered into their website program. Residents can report the materials in their drain (debris and leaves, water bottle). \$325 is the annual fee to fund their program. \$0.09 per person. Our DPW's number gets listed if you need to report debris that can't be managed by an individual resident. We can sell little yard signs that tell people about Adopt a Drain and distribute packets. It produces reports that we would have access to that DPW would have access to. Ready to move forward.
4. Planning Board plans that affect EC – (Coleen): Looked at the preliminary plans where the building will go to replace Casa Maya. Questions about mitigating runoff and stormwater. Taking out some dead trees and planting a lot of dogwoods.
5. Treasurer Report – (Curt): We have 850 in our EC account
6. Watering Schedule Concerns/Questions – (All): Key ring broke. Anne will replace the ring that holds the key on the watering jugs. Watering has been going well. The new grasses around the High Bridge sign need to be watered as well.
7. Plants for Grant Planting – (Lynn): Everything was purchased. There's about \$25 left. Report is almost complete to be sent in.
8. Quarterly Cleanup – Will be rescheduled for September 21st to clean up around the Jericho area.

9. Coyote Programs for Fall – EC team members will make/bring refreshments. Details will be firmed up closer to the time of the event.
10. Chestnut Tree Program (Alan) – Alan emailed a picture. EC still needs to follow up on the costs prior to being purchased. Curt to follow up and hopefully purchase 10 trees.
11. Community Forestry Update – (Curt): Curt sent over the changes to the forester. Changes included some minor editorial changes. Once incorporated, report expected to be finalized.

New Agenda Items:

1. Highlands Stormwater Meeting – (Curt): Joint venture with the Highlands Council, Rutgers University, and the Raritan Headwaters group. Curt shared a presentation. He will be meeting with them mid-September to learn more.
2. Clean up for Grounds for Art – Coleen and her husband will go down and weed and clean up prior to the festival coming up on September 14th. The TISCO building could benefit from wildflower seeding to add a little color. Lynn has some native wildflower seeds that can be used. Anyone can join in the evenings to do a little bit at a time.

Action Items:

- Curt will share the quote with Jen. Lynn and Curt will get something in the bridge.
- Curt will confirm tomorrow about grant planting expenditures.
- Coleen to make a flyer for the bear program. Curt will get the name of the program over to Coleen.
- Coleen will look at the weather and send an email the day before the intended clean-up.

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September 10, 2024

EC meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7:30 – 8:30 pm at Borough Hall

Attendance:

Members Present: Curt Nowell, Lynn Hughes, Ann Willard, Amanda Regan, Alan Mart

Members Absent: Linda DeMarzo, Jeanie Baker, Coleen Conroy

Old Business Items:

1. Columbia Trail report – (Alan): It hasn't been bad lately. One poop bag. Curt says the graffiti on the bridge isn't terrible.
2. Lake Solitude – (Curt): They just had the jam at the jam. It didn't look bad after being driven by. Alan cleaned up some trash there a few weeks ago.
3. Green Team Update – (Lynn): The Adopt a Drain program is moving forward.
4. Planning Board plans that affect EC – (Alan): Appendix A proposed trees. Information from Sue went back out. Barb will present a letter of suggestion from the EC at the next meeting. Tree ordinance references that the EC will provide recommendations on trees. The list from the forester is the reference for Appendix A. The redevelopment plan is working its way through for 100 Main St. We should make sure we take a look at the plans with respect to the environmental aspects.
5. Treasurers Report – (Curt): Curt hasn't gotten the list yet. Our EC account has \$770 in it. Coyote program, tree wraps, and a few small items were accounted for.
6. Watering Schedule Concerns/Questions – (All): Almost to the end. Everyone has done a fantastic job. It hasn't been as hot lately too. One more week of watering is on the list. Make sure the jugs are returned to Curt at the end of the season for winter storage.
7. Plants for Grant Planting – (Lynn): Everything is done, sealed and delivered.
8. Quarterly Cleanup – Jericho date is scheduled for September 21st to clean up around the Jericho area.
9. Coyote Programs for Fall – Program is all set. Jeanie and Lynn are making cookies and brownies.
10. Chestnut Tree Program (Alan) – Trees look beautiful. \$20 for the big ones and \$15 for the small ones. Potential locations might include along Dewey or the Tisco access road or the area behind the commons near the dog park where all the Ash trees came down. We can start with ten trees. He will also pick out some trees.
11. Community Forestry Update – (Curt): We've sent them everything. There's been no update since.

New Agenda Items:

1. The Grounds for Arts fest schedule, activities, etc. – Examples of good mulching and bad mulching around trees still needs to be set up. Alan has a tent if needed. Jeanie will provide the bin with all of the brochures. Curt will set the table up. Everyone will have to bring their own chairs. Set up is from 10:30-12:30. All cars need to be out by 12:30.
2. Tree Ordinance Appendix A – List gathered from the forester that provides native trees to Central NJ.
3. Possible Tree Purchase for Fall – Sue and Curt spoke about a possible sports tree near the sign in the commons. It could be possibly used for some lights around the holidays and possibly a small ornamental tree. Old cherry trees in the Commons are almost dead. EC should use the budget to replace those trees. Three dogwoods should be purchased for the Commons. One for near the sign and two to replace the cherry trees.

Action Items:

- Curt to send another email with the organizers to follow up on the Adopt a Drain program.
- Coleen and Anne to print a few flyers and put them around at local business.
- Alan to find out if the tree tubes will work with these chestnut tree saplings.
- Lynn to arrange the tree example for the GFA fest. She will get one tree example completed at least.
- Lynn to look at the available trees to purchase for replacement in the Commons.

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High Bridge Environmental Commission Minutes

November 12, 2024

EC meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7:30 – 8:30 pm at Borough Hall

Attendance:

Members Present: Michele Lee, Curt Nowell, Lynn Hughes, Ann Willard, Amanda Regan, Alan Mart, Linda DeMarzo

Members Absent: Coleen Conroy

Old Business Items:

1. Green Team Update (adopt a drain) – (Lynn) : Moving along. Michele will adopt 22 W Main drain. No potential date for the roll out yet.
2. Planning Board plans that affect EC – (Alan) : No updates, no meeting. Nothing yet to discuss.
3. Treasurers Report (balance to spend before end of year) – (Curt) : \$211 after the litter grabbing devices and tree guards. Includes the \$200 for the Chestnut trees. Can we spend some of the money on the bird see ornaments? Yes. Sue mentioned about the ability for the bird seed to be donated. We have a bunch of existing tree collars which will adequately house the new Chestnut trees. Estimate about 25 existing at DPW. Could potentially donate to the Christmas Tree lighting and/or for additional Chestnut Trees. We could get additional Chestnut trees, or additionally tree wraps.
4. Quarterly Cleanup w/ bulb planting – (Jeanie) re-cap : Cleanup was fun and 100 bulbs were planted.
5. Chestnut Tree Program – (Alan): We discussed a few places to plant. Do we need permission for heading up Dewey on the right side? We could put one on each side of the recycling center on Dewey. Recommend planting on the backside of the planting area near Dewey. There are some nice fields off Nassau for potential trees. Mia is getting grants from Raritan Headwaters to plant trees in that area. We could also plant trees in the pump track area where the Ash trees were previously removed. It might be nice to reforest in the area of the rules sign. Ten trees were purchased and will be okay to over-winter.
6. Community Forestry Update – (Curt): We submitted to the state. A few errors were corrected. It's on the agenda to re-approve on Thursday. Grants are not provided for just the tree inventory. We will write the elected representatives to see how to proceed that are confined between both grant processes. More to come.
7. Scarecrow contest re-cap. – (Lynn): That was a lot of fun. Need to locate the EC scarecrow.

New Agenda Items:

1. Christmas tree lighting w/ EC/Green Team giveaway (Coleen):
Committees/commissions will have tables at the lighting. Bird seed ornaments will be created as a giveaway for the tree lighting. Ornaments can be created at Borough Hall on 11/25/24, but need to make sure everything is cleaned up afterwards. Michele would be willing to come to support the activity. The Green Team would anticipate starting at the Borough hall at 6:30pm.
2. Green Award nominations:
Tiffany (need last name) letting EC use her water for Main St. planters:
Recommended for use of the hose for the borough plant watering.
Emma Espe organized friends for a park cleanup day: Organized 12 kids while in 5th grade.
Finn Norberg lake clean up: Both Emma and Finn received unanimous votes from the entire EC for selection of the awards.
3. Bill Kibler from Raritan Headwaters as potential guest: Curt mentioned that Bill Kibler from Raritan Headwaters could come to an EC meeting to discuss the water quality at Lake Solitude.
4. 2024 Membership (Jeanie and Alan's terms expire) : Jeanie would like to stay on the commission. She would welcome if someone else would like to be the chair. Alan will talk to Michele about how he feels. Michele will reach out to Mia to see how she feels as well.
5. 2024 goal review: Public Awareness – yes, Monitoring Open Spaces Monthly – yes, River Cleanup – yes, Applying for Grants – ongoing, Monitoring for sustainability – No, Leaf Compost – No, Native Gardens – yes, Historical tree and bird walk – No, Town-wide clean-up – yes, Quarterly Clean-up – yes, Reorg for the Tree Board– no, Recertify for Community Wildlife- yes, Support Program to "Adopt a Drain" – yes, Arbor Day Celebration Ceremony – yes, Spotlight on Invasives – yes

Action Items:

- Discussion for Cross-Committee events/discussion
- Lynn will follow up via email to make determinations for potential ways to spend the remaining funds.
- Alan will come up with a plan of how chestnut many trees will go where. Curt will advise on where permissions are required (checking with DPW).
- Curt will ask DPW where the EC scarecrow is located.

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