

Borough of Dumont
Environmental Commission Meeting
May 27, 2010 Minutes

SUNSHINE LAW: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of the Environmental Commission. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to The Record and the Ridgewood News, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont on December 25, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dan Harrison, Commission Chairman.

ROLL CALL: Seymour Berkowitz, Jennifer Cartelli, Dan Harrison, Marian Reitano, Janet Bazzini-present
Craig Grothues - absent

Also in attendance was Ellen Zamechansky, Councilwoman

Introduction made to guests in attendance.

Prizes were given out to the logo winners who were in attendance
#1- Julianne Huang in attendance with her sister and her mother-Mia
\$100 Gift Certificate

#2- Amanda Eastman- in attendance with her mother and father
\$75 Gift Certificate

#3- Rebekah Cedeno- in attendance with her mother- Joanna
\$75 Gift Certificate

There were 32 entries.

Pictures were taken in Court Room. Jennifer Cartelli will submit a photo to the Twin Boro. T-shirts will be distributed to all who had entered the contest, hopefully before the school year ends.

Motion to approve minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting: Seymour Berkowitz,
second Janet Bazzini

All in favor: Aye

Motion to approve minutes of the April 22, 2010 meeting: Seymour Berkowitz,
second Janet Bazzini

All in favor: Aye

Motion passed.

New Business

Clean Up Day was on May 22nd. The clean up was missed. It consisted of picking up garbage by the water.

Wine Tasting on June 4th. \$50.00 per person. Money is for Hackensack River Keeper at the Water Company Building.

Mayor Challenge is June 5th at 8:00 a.m. There are two races on kayaks and canoes. Information will be put on the town website.

Dumont Day

Discussion of water barrels:

- Use: Rainwater for watering lawns, gardening, washing cars or pets.
- Improve water quality
- Prevent water pollution
- Discussed where to place them in town for a demonstration and public awareness:
Senior Building, Library, pocket parks
- Put a sign up with a description
- Dan Harrison will speak to Larry about getting one
- Ellen Zamechansky will speak to John Perkins about getting them
- Seymour Berkowitz will give demonstrations of water barrels on Dumont Day.

Janet Bazzini recommended giving away permanent grocery bags with logo, town and mission on them. This will show that the Dumont supports reduction of paper and plastic bags.

Dan Harrison will get 3 quotes.

Would like to sell recycling buckets. Need 100 of them. Environmental Commission will pay.

Discussed EQ Challenge Board Game which Dan Harrison brought up in January. He will follow up at the June meeting. Perhaps if a question is answered they will receive a bag.

Discussion of a task for kids to receive a bag. Maybe collect some garbage. Jennifer Cartelli will speak to Mr. Soderman from Honiss School.

Alternate Position for Environmental Committee-Discussion of getting new blood on the committee. Jennifer Cartelli will reach out to Scott Johnson to see if he is interested. If so the recommendation will go to the mayor for approval.

Old Business

Janet Bazzini mentioned that at the past meeting Craig Grothues gave a draft of the

mission statement to be typed up and reviewed. Copies need to be distributed.

Marion Reitano will put together a brochure on the Commission, What the commission is and what the public can do to help.

Someone will reach out to the Shade tree about having someone from their Commission attend Environmental Meeting, and someone from Environmental attend Shade tree meeting. Dan Harrison will try to attend their next meeting. Seymour Berkowitz said that he attended one of their meetings but came back with nothing to report.

Ellen Zamechansky will send an email to Steve Cavadias of the building department to invite him to the next meeting to explain what the building department does and what the commission can do to help.

There was a discussion on the school vs. town garbage and recycling programs. Do the schools recycle? It was suggested to send a letter to the school board.

The commission would like an email to go out before the next meeting to confirm if there is a guest speaker.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Berkowitz second Mrs. Cartelli
All in favor: Aye
Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by Ellen Zamechansky