

## City of Summit Environmental Commission Minutes, November 14, 2016

Present: Beth Lovejoy, Marian Glenn, Marjorie Fox, Judy Mandelbaum, John Kilby, Rick Bell, Ruth Gais  
Green Team and Guests: Patti Schneider Smith, Christina Sanyour, Donna Patel, Courtney Cordaro

Beth Lovejoy called the meeting to order at 8 PM.

The September 19 meeting minutes were approved.

Action items in red.

### Committee/Project Updates:

#### Earth Day Clean-Up, 2017: Beth Lovejoy

A letter has been sent to Paul Cascais, Director of Community Services, asking that he bring the suggested dates (April 22 and 23) to Council for their approval. An email has been sent to Betty Ann Kelly (Union County) to confirm the dates as well.

There was a discussion about planting a wildflower area as an additional project for the Clean-Up. A wildflower garden would attract pollinators and act as a wildlife habitat. Two possible locations were discussed: Briant Park and the Transfer Station. **Marian will contact Betty Ann Kelly to discuss feasibility and locations.**

#### Spring Walk/Bike Event: Marian Glenn

Marian and Susan Haig (president of the Rotary Club) are proposing setting aside two Sundays in the spring to encourage people to walk and bike. A discussion ensued about how best to plan the event and who would need to be involved. [Note: Beth called SDI and found out that the spring-fall Farmers Market will probably be open starting April 23 (the week after Easter Sunday)]. **Marian will contact David Naidu to ask his advice on how best to proceed. She will also reach out to the ACHIEVE group, which includes the Y and Overlook, to see if they might have an interest in being involved. Beth will contact the City engineering department to see if they have a map showing the speed limits on streets in Summit.**

#### Shade Tree Advisory Committee: John Kilby

The STAC is contacting the Landmark Tree list residents in Summit about these trees on their property, and also contacting people who have trees that the City thinks should be on the Landmark Tree list.

Work continues through various channels to alert residents of probable serious destruction and costs of the Emerald Ash Borer. The City has received a grant to remove ash trees that are not in good shape.

#### Site Plan Reviews: Rick Bell

**Rick suggested that he bring a sample plan and his suggestions to a meeting to educate the rest of the EC members and friends. He will also prepare some material on permeable pavers to give to people asking for variances.**

#### Grants: Beth Lovejoy

Beth confirmed with Amy Cairns that a grant person has been hired by the City. Amy has given him Beth's contact information and he is supposed to get in touch. **Beth asked that EC members think about what projects that the EC is involved in that might benefit from grants, e.g., Passaic River Trails, promoting biking, among others.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Lovejoy

**Remaining Meeting dates for 2016:** 12/12 (second Monday but better for most people)