

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
HELD IN THE BOARDROOM AT
318 LAKEVILLE ROAD
June 16, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Alan Mindel, Commissioner
Vincent Lentini
Esther Voigt
Rosalind Zitner
Barbara Friedman, Alternate
Roger Nettler, Alternate

ABSENT

Linda Abrams
Nancy Cohen
Laura Gal
Jill Madenberg
Peter Susser
Robert Gilbert, Alternate
Daniel Meyers, Alternate
Michele Raphael, Alternate

Also Present:
Dr. Richard Ambron

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mindel at 7:35 P.M.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Mindel reported on a number of items. The opening of the Jamaica aquifers by New York City has been stopped primarily through the legislative work of Sen. Jack Martins. The Commission's idea of providing a list of suppliers of recycled asphalt to contractors has met resistance from the Building Department Superintendent. The Village prefers not to recommend any vendor because of potential liability.

The Tanner's Road drainage project was undertaken and the Commissioner updated the members on the progress.

Once the Lockheed Martin OU-2 report is available, Commissioner Mindel will send it to Dr. Ambron for his review.

MOBILE DATA SHREDDING

Commissioner Mindel informed the members that the Mayor has asked for a data shredding day to be arranged preferably on a weekend. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Mindel motioned to have a data shredding event coincide with the annual e-waste recycling day at a cost of \$210 for the first hour and \$110 for each additional hour, seconded by Vincent Lentini and unanimously approved.

ORGANIC GARDEN

Commissioner Mindel discussed the idea of setting aside an area in the Village for an organic garden for a kid's planting day. Roger Nettler made a motion to set aside an area for an organic garden at the park near the police station with approval by the Park Commission, seconded by Vincent Lentini and unanimously approved.

The members discussed future projects for the Commission. Some ideas included collecting paperback novels to donate to hospitals and senior centers, the planting of more trees in the Village and the collection of unused oil-based paint. Roger Nettler motioned to coordinate oil-based paint collection if these items are accepted by the Town of North Hempstead with the e-waste collection day, seconded by Esther Voigt and unanimously approved. The continuing use of Styrofoam cups at the golf course water machine was discussed. Commissioner Mindel informed the members that he was promised that these were not going to continue to be used. He will discuss this with Trustee Hoffman, the Golf Commissioner. Commissioner Mindel suggested having an ordinance banning the use of the Styrofoam cups on the golf course.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vincent Lentini motioned to accept the minutes of April 14, 2015 as presented, seconded by Esther Voigt and unanimously approved by those present.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Morrissey
Environmental Commission Secretary