



## ENVIRONMENTAL/SHADE TREE COMMISSION March 12, 2014

### ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mindi Arcoleo at 6:30PM.

**Attendance:** Richard Ambrosio, Mindi Arcoleo, Maryann Boyne, Joseph W. Halifko, Peter Longo  
Beth Miller, Ray Rummel, Julie Soleil, Denise Summer

**Attorney:** Michael Celli, Jr., Esq.

**Absent:** James Shanahan, Shane Toohey

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Arcoleo offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Ambrosio to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 12, 2014. All were in favor.
2. Memorialize Resolution 14-02 Citizen Board's concerns for ZB13/14 Use Variance for Hovson's Inc. Revised Preliminary & Major Site Plans & Minor Subdivision Plans for Victoria Gardens  
Mr. Halifko offered motion, seconded by Ms. Arcoleo to forward to Zoning Board Attorney. All were in favor.
3. Township of Neptune Environmental Resource Inventory. Mr. Longo was advised Neptune Township has no set date to update ERI. The Citizen Board feels due to Hurricane Sandy, the ERI needs updating. Ms. Arcoleo recommended the Environmental Shade Tree Secretary reach out to the Township Engineer as to future plans with Leon S. Avakian, Inc. office. Mr. Longo seconded recommendation, all were in favor.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

### PLANS/APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

1. Planning Board Application PB14/01 Block: 1500 Lot: 33 Preliminary and Final Site Plan Application Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church  
Comments/Suggestions:
  1. None. The Planning Board has already approved the application.
2. Planning Board Application PB14/03 Block: 219 Lot(s): 38, 42, & 43 Minor Subdivision Rose & Miriam Pierre  
Comments/Suggestions
  1. None.
3. Zoning Board Application ZB14/01 Block: 10017 Lot: 5 Use Variance El Properties  
Comments/Suggestions:
  1. The application is not specific as to the business proposal.
  2. Concern of potential increase flow of Traffic due to unknown business proposal.
4. Zoning Board Application ZB14/03 Block: 115 Lot: 965 Bulk Variance Mark Kantor  
Comments/Suggestions:
  1. Concur with Zoning Denial as the fence encroaches on neighbors' property.



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### DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATION

1. 2014 ANJEC Grant Application for improvements at Liberty Park:  
The improvements consist of a three bin composting system, extension of the water supply from spigot to the gardens, and to create a native beneficial garden, attracting beneficial insects. All three projects will have informative signs posted. Ms. Arcoleo and Ms. Soleil are working with Township of Neptune Committee for finalizing the project next month.
2. Arbor Day: Ms. Arcoleo recommended a project in conjunction with Neptune Township Board of Education and their students. Mr. Halifko and Ms. Summers volunteered to work with Shane Toohey; who is employed as a teacher at Mid Town School. The proposed project "Grow a Tree"
3. New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign:  
NJ communities were left with damaged and dead trees due to Superstorm Sandy. The State of NJ DEP State Forestry Services in conjunction with Township of Neptune Environmental Shade Tree Commission will sponsor a free tree seedling give away to help the community residents replant missing trees. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. Location: Volunteer Park 155 South Riverside Drive Neptune Time: 9am-until 12pm. The citizen board will post color flyers through Neptune Township. Roberta Grace will send an email blast to registered mailing list on website.
4. NJDEP Recreational Trails Grant Program:  
The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions has informed our citizen board that the NJ Department of Environmental Protection did not distribute New Jersey's allocation of federal Recreational Trails Grant Program funds in 2013, nor does it plan to offer the program in 2014. Through the assistance of the ANJEC, a letter has been drafted and signed by the mayor, requesting the commissioner of NJ DEP to restore the grant program for 2014.

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM

Minutes submitted by Christopher A. Bedrosian, Secretary