

Glen Rock Environmental Commission

Minutes of the Meeting May 19th 2015 in Borough Hall

Attendees: Andy Curshen

Lesley Elton

Scott King

Sylvia Rabacchi

Paul Sharar

Chris Leishear

Guests: Skip Huisking

Skip gave an excellent presentation showing clearly how much his utility costs have been reduced by making the improvements recommended by the CielPower HEA. He had given the same presentation earlier at the Activities Club in Community Church.

The Minutes of the April 21st meeting were read and approved unanimously by all commissioners in attendance.

Schools update was given by Sylvia. She mentioned student Ian Crawford who helped with the Anti-Idling program. The first Small Capacity grant proposal from S.J. for schools of \$2,000 has been filed. We shall know by mid-June if it has been granted. This money could be used for recycling training of students and staff. Anti-Idling education program has been implemented in all Public Schools. Kate Harrison the freshman from U of Md will work with Carol Thielke at the Arboretum .

HEA Program After Skip Huisking's presentation at the Activities Club, CielPower reported additional homeowners had requested energy audits. So far 128 audits have been done and approximately 20 have gone on to have the recommended work done. This is similar percentage rate as seen in other towns. Paul advised that a follow up was needed to get the latest more complete numbers.

Shade Tree - Paul advised he had spoken with Rosengren of the Shade Tree Committee who are trying to modify the rules making it more difficult to remove trees from properties that are having additions constructed. Also that older growth trees should be kept. Chris Leishear agreed with Andy that the iTree program was beyond our resources at this time but agreed to study it for future consideration.

Recertification Program - Sylvia provided an updated chart which was reviewed by the commissioners showing that estimated points at this time are at 235 of which 165 are done. There are items to be uploaded and Sylvia offered to upload those from other commissioners if required.

Sustainable Land Use Pledge - Scott advised that it was in the hands of the planning board who will act on it before June 7th. The Green Checklist Resolution is expected to be approved by Council at the beginning of June.

Lesley confirmed she will obtain suitable stickers to be used in the schools for Recycling Enforcement. The Bring Your Own Bag program is currently dormant due to lack of a suitable individual to organize further work.