

Minutes of STAC Meeting, March 2006

Attendees: Carol Avelsgaard, Ruth Bowers, Roseann Cala, Arnie Galpern, Arnold Henderson, Karen Swaine

Minutes of February 8, 2006 were approved.

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Old Business:

- **Trail Grant for Meadows.** Whether to purchase or rent a brush cutter has not been decided. Arnold Henderson and Don Rish (DPW) will further evaluate trail conditions.
- **Green Communities Grant.** Arnold Henderson is awaiting a response from Frank Troy as to the possibility of using a Rutgers intern.
- **CDBG Grant.** This money is now available but how quickly we can draw on it, is yet to be determined. We must verify with Frank Troy that he is responsible for expenses.
- **Mini Weed Wrench** is available and is stored in the pump house at the NPR.
- **Inkberries.** Plantings have arrived-\$152.50.

New Business:

- **Shade Tree Federation.** Carol Avelsgaard attended in 2005. Attendees for 2006 have not been determined.
- **Water Watch and other volunteers.** April 2 will be a clean up date at the Valley Place Ravine. On April 22-the official Earth Day-a group of volunteers consisting of Livingston College students and other assorted interested types, will meet at Johnson Park to determine which of some half dozen sites will get specific attention. Trash will be cleared and invasive plants will be removed. Carol Avelsgaard and Michael Rosenberg will help with the identification of unwanted plants.

Other Items:

- **Environmental Center.** Could there be anything of archeological value here even though nothing has been found to date. Green Acres or the Historical Preservation Society could become involved.
- **Scentennial (Sensory) Garden.** Ruth Bowers and Karen Swaine will finalize the plant list and submit it to Fern Goodhart. Garlatti Construction (Highland Park) has donated an amount of stone paving blocks. DPW will use the current pavers and estimate further requirements as necessary.
- **Street Fair.** Karen Swaine is ordering plants.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm