

Closter Improvement Commission

February 24, 2009 Minutes

Attendance: Mattes, Barad, Brewster, Kook, McConnell, Rodriguez and Clark.

January 27, 2009 Minutes approved.

1. Sign Board Restoration: Plexiglass on the sign board is still broken, though repairs have been made. Question remains as to who will pay for the repairs:

Fitzgerald or borough. Need to check with Mayor Sophie on this.

2. Revised Mission Statement: As stated in meeting outline, CIC can not revise current mission statement due to conflicts with NJ Land Use Law statutes. We have verbal acknowledgement from the Mayor to share upcoming projects for our input.

3. CIC 2008 Budget: Anne Brewster provided thorough update on past expenses to try to reconcile our budget. Anne requested documentation from Rileigh Electric regarding breakdown of expenses on all things related to Holiday decorations. Still unresolved what we owe Rileigh from 2008.

4. Welcome to Closter Packets: Iris will send an email to Kevin Whitney asking him to add a notation that Welcome Packets can be obtained by going to Borough Hall. Iris and Eric need to discuss this a bit further as 2009 calendars need to be available along side these packets.

5. Whole Foods: still on the agenda

6. Certificates of recognition: Eric with contact Irene on this matter.

7. Christmas Décor 2009: We discussed possible alternatives to having Rileigh store the holiday decorations. More discussion is needed.

8. Sign Ordinance subcommittee: Anne and Vicky will meet or discuss this issue one more time and resolve it.

9. Flamm Park Acquisition: Discussion ensued about the cost of acquiring this park

(about 4 million dollars). Property had been on the market for the past 20 years.

Eric said that the Mayor felt that it would be best to purchase this land as open space rather than to risk it to developers.

10. JC Promotions: Eric will talk to Irene one more time to either table or promote discussion on a future event from JC Promotions.

11. Radiomasters Sign Application: Resolved and moved from the agenda.

12. New Form for message board: Leslie Witherby will be Information and Sign Consultant for message board. Bill Brewster will still be posting the messages temporarily.

13. 2009 Budget: As stated in the meeting outline, CIC budget for 2009 is \$2,300 (\$800 for planting of annuals in pots, and \$1500 for Raleigh's Christmas Décor).

New Business:

We currently need one new CIC member, and two alternates.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting will be March 24, 2009.