

## Minutes of the March 16, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Island Heights Environmental Committee

Attendees: Margie Laratta; Kurt Schweighauser; Pat Sherwin; Sandra Snow, Liaison; Betty Wood  
Absent: Tara Church; Matt Crane; Mary Judge, Chair; Marsha Cudworth

January minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

### Earth Day/Arbor Day

Our Earth Day/Arbor Day Cleanup will occur on April 23, 2016 from 10am to noon. We have been requested to include the camp meeting site in our cleanup this year. The about-to-be-reformed Garden Club is planning to spruce up this area in the near future. We will provide coffee and donuts to local participants on the morning of the event. Signs will need to be made advertising the cleanup and asking for volunteers.

### Adopt-A-Spot

Pat Sherwin will construct a plot plan for the river grasses so spots can be assigned to maintenance volunteers this spring. Betty Wood will make sure the signs are ready for marking the berms.

### Bioswale Sweep

Chairperson Mary Judge provided the following details in regards to the bioswale: Cutting back grasses, relabeling plants (rocks to be rehabbed by Betty Wood), and putting in an order for small plants to be planted on Earth Day.

### Storm Bales

Sandra Snow reported on information she garnered about storm bales manufactured by Nature's Choice that might be used to shore up areas, such as Boy Scout Point. They are made from bundled fallen leaves sunk into waterways or shorelines to prevent erosion and for flood protection.

Meeting was adjourned by 7:55pm.