The Meeting commenced at 8:00 p.m.
Present were: David Scholz (Chairman), John Kashwick, Mary Mayer, Adrienne Isacoff, Steve Isaacson, Jayanthi Ramaswamy, Paul Dresser, and, from the Historic Preservation Commission, Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg.

Old Business

Tree cutting:
Steve believes we need to be proactive to make sure that tree cutting does not occur without approval by the EC or other appropriate Borough commission (e.g., the Historic Commission should be consulted with regard to tree cutting in the cemetery). Bobbie mentioned that certain of the property owners of the cemetery would like to remove most of the trees.

John explained that the trees cut at the Library without obtaining a permit was the result of a miscommunication (prior approval for that project was given years ago).

Dave mentioned that the EC already sent a Resolution to the Mayor and Council that all departments and agencies should be reminded to obtain a permit prior to cutting down any trees on Borough property.

Paul and John noted that it would be beneficial if all landscapers were registered, so that they would be better educated about Borough ordinances regarding tree removal, pesticide and fertilizer application, etc.

Trail signage:
Steve submitted a new proposed sign which was generally approved with a few minor changes. The EC expect to purchase about 12-15 signs to mark the trails.

New Business:

Jayanthi referenced an article on solar panels. The EC would like to explore possible use of solar panels on some Borough buildings. Jayanthi will work on exploring this further so that more specific recommendations can be developed.

Mary reported that the film Kilowatt Ours will be shown in the spring (April or May) through a joint program of the Nature Center, EC and the Belskie Museum, in conjunction with an exhibit about paintings of the Nature Center. The film will be shown at the Library Community Meeting Room, followed by a presentation/discussion about energy conservation techniques that may be adopted by families and businesses.
John has expended significantly more in labor and his own funds for upkeep of the Mac Bain Farm than was required by contract. Storage of manure on the lowest part of the land has been a problem, and he has been advised to move the storage area to higher ground.

The Flamm Property is expected to reach closing soon. Funding for signs for the Flamm property and Hagen Park has been approved. The Closter Improvement Commission will provide landscaping around the signage if appropriate.

**Subcommittees:** The following subcommittees have been formed:

- Trails: Steve, Mary, John
- Mac Bain: Mary, Dave, Jayanthi
- Events/Education: Dave
- Green Building: Adrienne, Paul, Phil, Jayanthi
- Building Plans: Adrienne, Dave, Paul

Adrienne suggested that various members of the Green Building Subcommittee could focus on the goals developed in the Sustainable Closter Initiative, such as energy conservation, LEED criteria for building design, etc, for which ordinances must be developed.