

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
May 4, 2016, 7:30 pm Meeting

Peter Ardito began the meeting at 7:40 with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2016 annual notice posted in the Borough Hall. Copies have been mailed to THE RECORD, NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS, and the NORTH JERSEY SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

Roll Call

Peter Ardito-present	Cindy Kennedy-present
Mary Ann Schran-present at 7:43	Laura Fitzgerald-absent
Anne Lander-present	Theresa Hazelton-present
Joannie Turner-present	

Also present: Joon Kim, Judy Hunter

Minutes of April 6, 2016 Peter pointed out a typo in the minutes, which will be corrected (abd to and). Theresa moved to accept with correction, second Cindy. All in favor. Carried.

Cindy has researched buying a tent and lighter-weight table. Mary Ann will donate her awning/tent. Peter suggested purchasing sandbags/weights with Green Team funds. All in favor. BCUA would like pictures from the cleanup.

Green Team Portion of Meeting

Mary Ann is on a panel on 5/19 for Sustainable Jersey. Peter and Anne will attend. Suggestions for presentation: Cindy: need strong leader and team effort; Theresa: need to get school and other parts of community involved; Cindy: communication (blog, etc.) important; Peter: you don't need to have a big town or lots of money.

Sustainable Jersey: Discussion of the points that will expire. The following members will take care of the listed items:

Theresa: Community education and outreach
Education Sustainability/School

Community & School Gardens

Cindy: Buy Fresh/Buy Local

Peter: Environmental Commission

Letter about ERI

Anne: A writeup for shred day

Cindy: Composting

Joannie: Edit of Recycling Center writeup

We could get 10 points (using the 4/6 minutes) for a site review.

ERI Maps: There is no logical way to do overlay maps, as they are foldout. As a result, the large format copies will have separate overlays. There is very little county land. What there is will appear white. Green acres will look like park land but will have property lines. Peter will ask Mike Hakim if Green Acres land can be labeled in any way.

Shred Day (4/23) update: Successful! The humus sales were similar to last year's. \$20 were received in the donation bucket. Maybe we could expand on this day on our own. Next year 4/22 is a Saturday.

School: Walk/Ride to School Day was successful. Recycling: Dr. Fried agrees that it is important to have a reliable pickup. The school will participate in shared services when the town negotiates a new contract. The school will reach out to Miele in the meantime. Joon Kim will go the Board of Education meeting tomorrow to discuss.

Cindy asked what Allegro's plan is for recycling. I asked the EC to review draft ordinance (emailed during meeting) and submit any thoughts by Tuesday.

Peter and Mary Ann will miss the 6/1 meeting.

Treasury Report: As of 3/1/16 per CFO—waiting for update

Green Team Trust 868.19

T-Mobile Tree 7594.51

Current Fund Budget 105.00

Bergen County Mini Grant: 900.00

Green Team 38.66 (from Last Year Budget)

Old Business

New Business Construction next door to 336 Lynn Street. Peter Francis noticed a workman with a plaster bucket in the stream and asked Marti to notify Peter Ardito who visited the site and spoke with Ann Bistriz and Joe Zavarino. The developer has been put on notice.

Theresa conveyed a message from Laura: the Board of Health asked about criteria for keeping bees. They would like information for their June meeting. From Theresa, we need to establish insurance coverage. Joon suggested that the Board of Health may need recommendations from EC about the importance of bees. A fence is not in the application but Peter will add.

Perhaps EC could participate in hawk watch at Bistate in October. Maybe we could also have a group (Raptor Trust?) here at Town Day.

Allegro will be cutting trees and cannot fit all replacements on that property. About 40 trees will be available. Ideas for their use are welcome.

Peter authorized Mark to replant trees at Highland.

New York City is passing a plastic bag ordinance.

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting 6/1/16 Mary Ann moved to adjourn, second Theresa. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.