

Harrington Park Environmental Commission  
August 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes

PETER ARDITO OPENED THE MEETING AT 7:37 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 7:40 Laura Fitzgerald-present  
Anne Lander-present Theresa Hazelton-absent  
Joannie Turner-present

**Minutes of July 6, 2016:** Anne moved to approve, second Laura. All in favor. Carried.

**Green Team Portion of Meeting** (moved to later in the meeting) Mary Ann reported that Sustainable Jersey is now unlocked. What we are doing for education for sustainability is now not enough. Mary Ann would like to do more with the school.

**ERI (guest Michael Hakim)** Mr. Hakim reviewed the entire ERI with the Environmental Commission. There are 14 chapters and can be 15 if the EC wants to add a Recommendations section. Once approved, the ERI will be referred by the EC to the Planning Board for possible adoption as part of the Master Plan. We will send to Mayor and Council as a courtesy. Most graphics will be foldout 11 x 17. Mr. Hakim mentioned that a long-term objective is to create pretreatment for stormwater. Peter would like to review/strengthen the tree ordinance. Cindy finds what is being done to the trees by utility companies very distressing. Peter is communicating with the utility company. Mr. Hakim recommended creating a nature trail in the Green Acres property near Eastbrook. The ERI is not a planning study. The EC unanimously decided to put recommendations in the appendix as opposed to having them comprise their own chapter. Peter thanked Mr. Hakim for his thoroughness. Mary Ann moved to accept with minor recommended adjustments, second Anne. ROLL CALL VOTE:

Peter-yes

Mary Ann-yes

Anne-yes

Joannie-yes

Cindy-yes

Laura-yes

Theresa (by email proxy)-yes.

Carried. Peter is unable to attend the August Planning Board meeting and will present the ERI in September.

**Town Day** Ann and Steve Bistriz will give a wooden bowl for a raffle. Mary Ann will go to Stokes farm to ask for a donation.

**Town Cleanup Date** possibly 11/5.

**Treasury Report:** As of 5/31/16

Environmental Commission Green Team account balance is 833.19

T-Mobile Tree Escrow is 7089.01

Bergen County Mini Grant is 1200.00

Regular Operating Budget is 100.00

## **Old Business**

**New Business** Chris Jost (Boy Scout) is interested in an Eagle Project—he may want to build a fence for the bee hives.

Laura asked how we are handling resistance to the bees. Peter reminded us that we adjusting the fence and perhaps adding netting.

Peter would like to create a calendar as a fundraiser and asked for photos. Peter submitted a \$25 invoice for membership to the beekeepers' association. The course fee is being paid for by the grant.

**Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting 9/7/16.** Anne moved to adjourn, second Joannie. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:25.