

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
December 6, 2017 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2017 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
Skype at 7:53
Genevieve Tarino-present via
Mary Ann Schran-present at 7:45
Laura Fitzgerald-present
Anne Lander-present
Theresa Hazelton-present
Meredith Budinich-present

Minutes of November 1, 2017: Theresa moved to approve the minutes, second Laura. All in favor. Carried.

Green Team Portion of Meeting: January will be devoted to Green Team. No report today. Everyone should look at the Sustainable Jersey website to see initiatives.

Treasury Report (8/1) (Request for information submitted 12/6/17; will update if possible)

T- Mobile Tree escrow - 6772.23
Green Team/Env. Commission - 1517.19
Environmental Commission – 100.00

Projects and Goals for 2018 (all ideas listed; those with * will be priorities):

Pride of town
Outreach in town*
Charging station at HPS*
Involve elementary school
Garden club cooperative
Environmental science as part of the curriculum
Recycling cans in town*
Pollinator garden*
Town-wide cleanup*

Rain garden*

Mary Ann would like a recycling container for each household and an environmental movie night at the school

Locations for dog waste collection cans

Beechwoods

End of Martha/George Street Park

Highland parking lot

Pondside (at Blanche)

Locations for trash/recycling cans

Beechwoods

Highland (2)

Baseball field

Harrington Park School should register with sustainable Jersey

Laura showed us some wonderful compostable and recyclable plates and forks made from corn.

Mulch Day will be 4/21, with shredding 9-12.

2018 Calendar: The dates need to be set for the year. The January meeting will have to be held after the January 6th Reorganization meeting. Also, July 4 is a Wednesday. Dates: 1/10, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/5, 7/11, 8/1, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5.

School Update: Theresa reached out to Dr. Fried, who would like to meet with the EC in January about becoming a green ribbon school. He wants to be part of a watershed cleanup (maybe Project Pride). Genevieve reported that Steve Ahad (Bio and Env. Sci. teacher at NVOT and faculty advisor for SOPE) brought club members to the fall cleanup.

The Beautification Committee reported that a blue spruce at Don Horsey park needs to be replaced.

Pollinator Garden: Ann Bistriz said that the borough is open to putting something between the Borough Hall and the Library. Genevieve will reach out to people during the break if she can be told how. Theresa will forward a template used by the HSA. Possible businesses to solicit: landscapers, community banks, PSE&G Foundation (2/28/18 deadline), Whole Foods. Look at beeaction.org.

Spring Cleanup Date: Tabled until Peter and Theresa speak with Dr. Fried. There could be a community party following.

Committee assignments for 2018

Anne	Cleanups and newsletter
Theresa	School
Genevieve	School
Mary Ann	Beautification and Green Team
Meredith	Town Day and presence at Fire Department events
Peter	Tree Bank
Laura	Mayor and Council and town committees, such as Rec Commission

Peter met with Scott Greer, landscaper, today. He works with the Beautification Committee and will probably plant native trees for the EC for a reasonable price. He opposes clearcutting and is working up a proposal.

Adjournment—Next meeting 1/10/18. Theresa moved to adjourn, second Mary Ann. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.