

Harrington Park Environmental Commission  
February 6, 2019 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

*Peter opened the meeting at 7:37 pm with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2019 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	Sung Min Yoo-present
	Mary Ann Schran-present	Jeffrey Brockman-absent
	Anne Lander-present	Theresa Hazelton-present
	Meredith Budinich-absent	

**Minutes of January 9, 2019:** Anne moved to adopt the minutes, second Theresa. All in favor. Carried.

**Green Team Portion of Meeting:** Beechwoods is a cleanup possibility. Peter made a connection at Suez and can pass along suggestions. Cleanup date March 9 (raindate 3/30). Anne will contact Mr. Ahad at NVOT. Peter will contact Suez. We will clarify on March 6. The Northern Valley Greenway meeting was canceled. In March, we will create a resolution in support of the project. Peter congratulated Anne on the newsletter submission. A number of the nature signs in the parks are broken. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will do another cleanup. Peter will speak to the DPW.

### **Old Business**

Allegro: Demo will start in late February/early March. The Vice President reached out to meet with Peter and Maybe Theresa.

Orange & Rockland does several things for HP. The Mayor would like to maintain a good rapport. Orange and Rockland feels that the stumps are a Harrington Park problem.

Peter is going to the Mayor and Council meeting Monday for support. Sung moved that the EC is concerned about the damage caused to trees by Orange and Rockland during the remediation of Schaalburgh and County roads. It is excessive and unsightly. It is also on watershed land and introduces wilt and erosion into the drinking water. The EC asks for remediation of the problem by Orange and Rockland, Second Theresa. All in favor.

NVEF: We will not have a table. We make copies of posters. There is a meeting tomorrow, but Anne cannot attend it. Mary Anne, Marti, and Anne can help with the NVEF set up and/or day.

Mulch sale/shred day: Theresa, Marti, Anne, and Peter are all most likely able to help.

## **New Business**

Beekeeping: We can put bees into the tree bank area. Peter Harrison will come to the March meeting. The hives and bees will cost \$1200. Peter is talking to the Mayor and CFO about increasing the EC budget.

NJ Senate bill 2505: The tree ordinance requires more time. Many trees were cut down near the Closter gas station during the road repair. There was a bill up for a vote in December of 2018 that would exempt utility and cable companies from local tree laws that take environmental concerns into account. The bill is stalled in the Senate. Peter reached out to one of the sponsors. Its number is 52505. Its companion A2558 passed.

The School Tree Trimming: Dr. Fried reached out. The trees were in need of trimming and/or removal. There will be a tree planting event. Peter will help get good prices.

The CFO has funding for trash/recycling containers. There are grants for recycling. Sung is planning to meet with the Borough Clerk.

SUEZ watershed maintenance seminar: Peter attended the meeting. Suez is trying to stop pollution but have 40 miles of fence to monitor. They do have a plan and are creating a program with Rutgers.

**Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting March 6, 2019.** Sung moved to adjourn, second Mary Anne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:13 pm.