

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
June 5, 2019 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:35 with the following: 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-absent
Mary Ann Schran-present Jeffrey Brockman-absent
Anne Lander-present Theresa Hazelton-present
Meredith Budinich-present

Guest Samantha Semsel spoke about composting. She goes to Dwight Englewood; they have a composting program, and she would like to bring it here. Theresa Hazelton explained programs with the school. She will connect Samantha with Ms. Denbeau. Peter encouraged Samantha to join the green team.

Green Team Portion of Meeting: Mary Ann voiced a desire for input as to what else the Green Team should do. Time will be devoted on July's agenda to this issue.

Treasury Update as of March 6: Environmental/Green Team 845.19
T-Mobile trees 6772.23
Borough budget 150.00

Old Business

Peter visited the bees on Monday. Maintenance has been done and weeds are growing. Peter wants everyone to be responsible for a month. Peter and Marti will make a schedule; in the meantime, people volunteered: Peter-June; Mary Ann-July; Marti-August; Theresa-September. People should go at sunset.

Orange & Rockland

NVEF: Marti reported that this was a great event and that HP should definitely be involved next year and to a greater extent than this year.

Mulch sale/shred day update

Spring Cleanup at school: On April 17 a parent who is an executive at Goldman Sachs brought workers. Peter, Theresa, and Anne helped, as well as Ms. Denbeau and Ms. Howell, to rebuild the beds. Idea: Make a tranquil area in the garden; maybe we can donate a bench.

New Business

Farmers Market 5/28 we went to the FM; 6/2 we sold 15 lemonades and 5 bug sticks. 6/9 Sung will work 10-12; Mary Ann will work 12-2. Marti will get there at 9:30.

Cleatus Farms wants to work with the EC to plant trees. The pollinator garden is coming in the fall. The existing composter could be used more, but we need people to commit. Tree Ordinance: There was a conference call with the town planner and lawyer and Peter. Tuesday it will go to the Planning Board. Re: New bridge at the intersection: The retaining wall on Schraalenburgh is falling apart. This will be on the agenda for August. If nothing has been done a letter should be sent in September. Plastic ban: Theresa spoke to the dry cleaner. They already give out reusable garment bags. Maybe we can do research and make a list of suggested alternatives for business owners.

In July we will set a date for trail maintenance; maybe September 22.

Adjournment Theresa moved to adjourn, second Anne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Next scheduled meeting July 10, 2019.