

Harrington Park Environmental Commission  
February 1, 2017 7:30 pm 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 Genevieve Tarino-via facetime  
Mary Ann Schran-present Laura Fitzgerald-present  
Anne Lander-absent Theresa Hazelton-absent  
Meredith Budinich-present

**Minutes of January 11, 2017:** Laura moved to accept, second Meredith. All in favor. Carried. Genevieve abstained.

**Recycling Reports and Schedule:** Peter read into record the letter he wrote about recycling. Laura will find out more at the next Mayor and Council meeting. Laura moved to support the letter, second Mary Ann.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Peter Ardito-yes Genevieve Tarino-yes  
Mary Ann Schran-yes Laura Fitzgerald-yes  
Meredith Budinich-yes

Carried.

**Green Team Portion of Meeting:** Mary Ann reported that she is not sure whether to pursue Sustainable Jersey certification in 2017. The cleanup will be 3/25. Prisoners could clean up Lafayette and Old Hook Road. Marti will ask Ann Bistriz. 4/29 is the Bi-State cleanup co-sponsored by Bergen SWAN. 4/22 is the hummus sale and shred day. Perhaps we could also have a hazardous waste collection. Mary Ann would like articles for Word Press.

**Bi-State Cleanup (MAS)**

**Treasury Report: As of 10/4/16 Updated information requested 1/30/17**

Environmental (Trust) Green Team account 1272.19

T-Mobile Tree Escrow 6772.23

Environmental Commission 20.04

**Right of Way/United Water**

**Idling at School (LF)** Laura spoke to Dr. Fried. He would like the town to write something up. Then Laura will ask Mayor and Council to send an e-blast that idling is illegal. Peter will write a letter for Laura to bring to Mayor and Council in the hopes that it can be mailed to the town. Then Dr. Fried will follow up with the school committee. Currently people sit at school idling as early as 2 pm. The EC supported this initiative.

**New Business**

The Closter Nature Center has done extensive work on its property.

The New Jersey Supreme Court has ruled that New Jersey municipalities are responsible for the 16 years of COAH inaction.

Michael Hakim has retired as the HP town planner. He will remain as acting planner until someone is chosen and will stay on as special counsel with Allegro.

Genevieve visited Iceland in January. Iceland runs exclusively on renewable energy. The visiting group saw many fascinating geothermal and hydrothermal sites. Genevieve will send pictures.

Bees: Peter is waiting for a response from United Water (Suez).

Genevieve wondered whether she should go to one of the ANJEC-offered sessions. Meredith plans to attend the one in Cranbury. The EC will reimburse. Marti will update ANJEC.

**Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting March 1, 2017:** Mary Ann moved to adjourn, second Meredith. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.