

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
April 4, 2018 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes
(Please note for posterity that the March meeting was snowed out)

Peter Ardito began the meeting at 7:32 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 2018 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-absent
	Mary Ann Schran-present	Laura Fitzgerald-present
	Anne Lander-present	Theresa Hazelton-present
	Meredith Budinich-present	

Allison Hargrove Girl Scout Gold Award Proposal: Allison proposes to build bat houses in Highland, Columbus, and Pondsides Parks to help the bat population. She spoke about being inspired by the decrease in animal populations. She would also like to erect informational plaques. They will be waterproof, and she is aware of the need for upkeep. Peter gave the support of the EC. Mary Ann suggested a “build your own” event. Peter and Theresa will discuss with Dr. Fried.

Minutes of February 7, 2018: Theresa moved to accept, second Anne. All in favor. Carried.

Treasury Report as of 1/31/18: Tree Bank \$6772.23

Green Team \$1421.19

Environmental Commission from Borough Budget \$500

Green Team Portion of Meeting: A resolution in support of the Green Team will be adopted at the 4/16 meeting. The application deadline is June 3rd. Everyone will give updates at the May 2nd meeting. A few people may meet on 4/19 at 1:00 to learn about the site.

Theresa requested milkweeds by email, but we were declined. The GT Wordpress has 18 followers; the Facebook group has 399 friends.

Anne will get materials for the eighth grade 5/4 cleanup. The students will eat at school and then clean up. Possible sites are George Street and Lafayette. Perhaps ice cream will be provided with clean communities money. Perhaps they can eat in the first half of the lunch period.

The pollinator garden will happen; the funding is being worked out; there was an article in the NV Press.

April 14 Staffing and Details: The event will be held 9:00-1:00. Mary Ann, Peter, and possibly Laura will attend.

New Business: Probably 3 years down the road the gas line on Eckerson will be replaced. The pumping station is on Old Hook.

The Mayor asked Peter to talk to a resident on Highland who had complained about the possibility of carpenter ants due to fallen trees and complained about the poison ivy. Maybe DPW can clean up some branches; the poison ivy must be brought under control.

Theresa stated that the Mayor and Council need a plan for tree sustainability. Peter has told the Mayor that branches hang over the walkway.

Theresa stated that there is a fire pit in the woods (somewhat near the tennis court).

Old Business

20 Pascack Subdivision: This application has not yet come to a Planning Board meeting. It will be for 4 houses and a cul-de-sac. Lots will conform except for one that will need a frontage variance. Peter would like true trees to replace those that will be clear cut. Mary Ann moved that based on Peter's letter to the town planner Peter should create a formal document relating to 20 Pascack to be presented to the Planning Board, second Theresa. Everyone agreed by roll call vote. Peter will send the document to Marti who will put it on letterhead and send to the Land Use secretary.

2018 Tree Planting

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting May 2, 2018: Meredith moved to adjourn, second Theresa. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.