

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
July 11, 2018 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:35 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-absent
Anne Lander-present Theresa Hazelton-present via Skype
Meredith Budinich-present

Minutes of June 5, 2018: Anne moved to approve, second Theresa. All in favor. Carried.

Treasury Report as of 7/10/18 Tree Bank \$6772.23
Green Team \$1505.19
Environmental Commission from Borough Budget \$350

**Green Team Portion of Meeting
Sustainable Jersey Application (nudging by Marti)**

Joon distributed the diversity survey.

Everyone understands that work is to be 90% finished by the August meeting.
Review of everyone's application work:

Mary Ann: Green Team and Innovative projects
Meredith: Recycling Depot
Anne: Green Businesses and Grounds and Maintenance (needs a letter from Suellen)
Theresa: Waste audit and Food production
Peter: Environmental Commission and ERI
Marti: Buy fresh, buy local, Backyard composting, and paper shredding
Laura: Sustainable Land Use Pledge and Climate adaptation

Mary Ann went to the Sustainable Jersey conference and UMDNJ; she spoke to people about some frustrations related to completing the application.

Theresa spoke about how the message about recycling, etc., needs to come from the town leadership.

Joon spoke about the fact that single stream recycling is not working. The new contract will include comingled recycling instead. Perhaps there can be a demo at Town Day. Theresa will develop this. Peter would like to put together a meeting of all town organizations to discuss what is expected from all re sustainability. Mary Ann shared that Brian Hansen Harding (retired NVOT teacher) visited a comingled recycling plant with his Green Team.

Alli Hargrove would like to come to Town Day and educate people about bats.

Shade Tree Commission (Meredith) Meredith has done a lot of research and shared information including the 4 traits of an effective Shade Tree Commission: Core training, development of management plan, 8 CEUs per year, and accomplishment reports. She will do more research and asked all to share suggestions.

Town Day There will be a Farmers Market; demonstrations may be moved to the grass (in a performance truck?); the raptors will be brought again. Peter will make lemonade, Theresa will make cookies, we will look into reusable straws, recycling information, and plants in a bag.

Northern Valley Earth Fair Mary Ann moved to committing \$250 per year to join, second Anne.

Roll Call

Peter-yes Anne-yes
Meredith-yes Theresa-yes
Mary Ann-yes

Money will be taken from the Green Team.

Old Business

-Allegro (Solar/Building colors): This application is wrapped up. Colors will be as presented; solar panels are probable.

-20 Pascack update (building size, trees, impervious/pervious coverage): Peter wrote to a lawyer and will meet the builder about the trees. The trees in the wetland marked for removal will not be removed. Re stormwater and pervious coverage: Peter visited a similar development in Rivervale and suggested that the grass areas could have pollinator-friendly plants.

-Tree ordinance: Peter distributed a request to the Mayor and Council and read it into record. He will send it to Marti to put on letterhead. She will return it to him and send to Carolyn Lee for the Planning Board. Mary Ann moved that the EC endorsed and authorized Peter to present the ordinance to the Mayor and Council, second Meredith.

Roll Call

Peter-yes Anne-yes
Meredith-yes Theresa-yes
Mary Ann-yes

Anne asked what should go in the newsletter: Town Day

Cleanup: Put on the August or September agenda.

Peter reported that the stones discussed at the June meeting will be put in at school. They will also go in at highland. Peter suggested asking the Beautification Committee to skip the stones at the field for aesthetic reasons.

Joon reported that Mayor and Council have applied for a grant to build a pavilion at Highland Field. It will go in a wet area near the hut. Peter asked that the plans come to the EC before they are executed. It would be good to have a pervious surface.

New Business

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting August 1, 2018: Theresa moved to adjourn, second Meredith. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.