

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
January 6, 2021 Minutes

Notice of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting location change January 6, 2021. Pursuant to Governor Murphy's Executive Orders #107 and 108 ordering Statewide lockdowns, and P.L. 2020, c. 34 permitting public bodies to conduct meetings via electronic means during declared states of emergency, the meeting of the Borough of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting scheduled for January 6 **at 7:30 p.m.** will be conducted remotely from the electronic meeting platform Zoom.us. Members of the public can join the meeting and participate during public comment period by joining the meeting using the Zoom mobile application on a smartphone or tablet, joining the meeting by laptop with microphone capabilities, or dialing in using a telephone to the Zoom teleconference system. Information on how to join the meeting electronically appears below. Members of the public may submit written comments in advance of a meeting, which will be read during the relevant public portion of the meeting. Written comments shall contain the person's name and address and may be submitted via email to the Borough Clerk (clerk@harringtonparknj.gov) or by mail addressed to: Clerk, Borough Hall, 85 Harriot Ave., Harrington Park, NJ. Emailed comments must be received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Mailed comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. If any meeting includes a public hearing, all material that will be considered by the Borough Council at the public hearing shall be posted on or linked to the homepage of the Borough's website in a conspicuous location or as otherwise required by law. Written comments, as set forth above, will be accepted for such public hearings. If sworn testimony is to be taken during the public hearing, it shall be broadcast by both video and audio. Written public comments will not be considered where sworn testimony is required. Topic: Environmental Commission of Harrington Park meeting. Date and Time: January 6, 2021, 7:30 p.m. EST. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81425265967?pwd=eHd4RUwrdUZFYTM2eXVtdUdjVVZQQT09>. Meeting ID: 814 2526 5967 Passcode: 08052020 One tap mobile +16465588656,,81425265967#,,, *08052020# US (New York). Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 814 2526 5967 Passcode: 08052020. Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81425265967?pwd=eHd4RUwrdUZFYTM2eXVtdUdjVVZQQT09>. A copy of the agenda is available at the Borough of Harrington Park website: www.harringtonparknj.gov. Members of the public may contact the Borough Clerk to obtain copies of the meeting materials at (201) 768-1700 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during normal business days, or by e-mail: Ann Bistriz clerk@harringtonparknj.gov All documents for matters on the agenda are electronically on file at the following website: www.harringtonparknj.gov.

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to the Record and is filed with the Borough Clerk. Further, the amendment to the format of the meeting was adequately advertised.

Roll Call

Peter Ardito (PA) - present	Sung Yoo (SY) - present
Theresa Hazelton (TH) - present	Mary Ann Schran (MAS) - present
Meredith Budinich (MB) - present	Anne Lander (AL) - present
Councilman Brockman (JB) - absent	Councilwoman Chung (JC) – present at 7:50

Reorganization

Election of Chair

MAS nominated PA chair, second AL. All in favor. PA abstain. Carried.

Election of Vice Chair

AL nominated TH vice-chair, second MAS. All in favor. TH abstain. Carried.

Acceptance of Minutes from December 2 meeting

MAS moved to accept, second AL. All in favor. Carried.

Green Team

Our Sustainable Jersey expired, even some that shouldn't have. MAS wants to try to certify next year. JC will run the diversity on boards action. MAS will research for February meeting. Everyone will take on 1-2 actions. PA asked if the EcoBeneficial work will count for anything. TH asked about Allegro. SY will look into green businesses. He is also arranging for a painter to paint HP scenes as fundraiser for Green Team.

OLD:

Allegro started planting and will plant flowers in the spring. There is a spot for and interest in a raingarden. They are adding a permeable parking area.

-Shred date confirmed for April 10: PA lead; TH assist.

-Next student clean up is at Pongside on Saturday 1/9 from 1-3: So far they have cleaned a few areas and done a great job. Mayor and Council will recognize their work. Anne may mention in the newsletter.

-Bridget Kennedy project: Pongside suggested, pictures were sent of suggested location. PA took pictures of the proposed site. Maintenance still needs to be figured out.

-Pooch Paper dispensers: PA spoke to Tracy; dispensers are in production; will be for sale shortly.

-Adjustment to dog walking in public parks ordinance: EC will pay for the first three and Mayor and Council and EC will work together. JC pointed out that an enforcement component is needed. JC will also talk to the school about this.

-New bird talk via Zoom, pick a date--March

-Continued work at the bee hives, anyone available: AL and PA worked on this last month. More work to be done this Sunday. 1:00 bring gloves, shovel, pail, bucket.

NEW:

-Committee assignments:

Newsletter AL

Shred Day PA

Sustainable Jersey MAS

Recycling TN/PA focus on soft enforcement of plastics

School TN/PA

Beehives PA

Plantings (maintenance, pergola, etc.) AL/MB

DPW PA

Boy/Girl Scouts MAS/MF

Town Day MB/SY

-Specific project(s) and dates for 2021: bird talks, farmers market, shred day, plantings, weeding, redo information signs

TN's neighbor organized a cleanup of George Street. Signs at George Street are now nailed to trees. JC will look into this. PA will talk to DPW about removing nets in the woods.

Mulch sale will be online as it worked well in 2020.

PA got an electric snowblower—works very well

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MB moved to Adjourn, second MAS. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:01 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 3