

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
June 2, 2021, Minutes

Notice of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting location change March 3, 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 June 2 **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: June 2, 2021, 7:30 p.m. EST. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6936944746> Meeting ID: 693 694 4746 One tap mobile +16465588656,,6936944746# US (New York) +13017158592,,6936944746# US (Washington DC) Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) Meeting ID: 693 694 4746 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6936944746>

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:30 with the following announcement: 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) – absent

Acceptance of Minutes from May 5 meeting Anne moved to approve the minutes, second Theresa. All in favor. Carried. (April minutes tabled until July meeting)

Green Team certification has been extended for a year.

OLD:

Bridget Kennedy presented her project: The Zen Garden. This is envisioned as a place for relaxation and meditation. The only concern raised was that there might be specific ideas connected to "Zen." Bridget suggested her original idea of the Peace Garden. The maintenance will be minimal. Bridget has lined up younger troops to carry on this maintenance. Bridget will finish the work before she goes to college late August. She is allowed to solicit items but cannot ask for (but is allowed to receive) money. Sung and Peter will serve as liaisons to the project. Theresa moved to support the project, second Anne.

Peter Ardito - yes

Theresa Hazelton – yes

Meredith Budinich - yes

Sung Yoo - yes

Mary Ann Schran - yes

Anne Lander yes

The place is already prepared. Bridget's work will be to repurpose it into this new space. Peter encouraged her to go to Cleatus Farms. Sung suggested he had a sponsor for her. Peter asked for an update every two weeks and said she could come to another meeting.

Sustainable Jersey grant update: there should be an answer in July.

Allegro walkaround: Peter and the Allegro vice president did a walk through. The place looks good. They have done everything asked for. Peter encouraged everyone to make plans to visit. Some cleanup is still needed. Some trees need to be replaced. Other dog waste receptacles had been purchased. They will be replaced with Pooch Paper. All future Allegro locations will use Pooch Paper. Secaucus is using Pooch Paper in all 24 parks. Peter is going to suggest that Suez create 3 grants for Pooch papers in parks.

SWAN/Pondside Park plans: Lori wants to do a natural demonstration garden at Pondside.

Pooch Paper update and keys: Three of the new units are up. New locations are being discussed.

Bee hives: A new super will be added to each hive, which will allow more honey to be created. Ann Bistriz is selling our honey with a carved bee. She donates \$10 for each sale.

Pondside tree/DPW

Borough Hall plantings: Peter spoke to the head of the DPW about putting down wood chips. Who will weed? Us? The DPW? The Garden Club?

NEW:

Beechwood Park issue: People are riding 4 wheelers. Peter spoke to one person and explained that motorized vehicles are not allowed. Peter wants it to be a finable offence. The police are getting involved.

9/11 Park adjustments: A tree near the memorial is being replaced. The Lions Club is taking out the hedges.

Sustainable Jersey new grant round (project with Rec): perhaps the Rec Commission would be interested in a grant to create solar-powered score board and possibly educational aspect.

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Anne moved to Adjourn, second Mary Ann. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm; the next meeting is scheduled July 7, 2021.