

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
December 1, 2021 Minutes

Notice of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting location change December 1, 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 December 1 **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: November 3, 2021, 7:30 p.m. EST. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81425265967?pwd=eHd4RUwrdUZFYTM2eXVtdUdjVVZQOT09>. 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/kQQqVqoj5>. 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.

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:30 pm 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
Theresa Hazelton (TH) - present
Meredith Budinich (MB) - absent
Councilman Brockman (JB) - present

Sung Yoo (SY) - present
Mary Ann Schran (MAS) - present
Anne Lander (AL) – present at 7:33pm
Councilwoman Chung (JC) – absent

Acceptance of Minutes from November 3 meeting Theresa noted that the next meeting should be 12/1 not 12/8 and moved to accept the minutes with that one change; second Mary Ann. All in favor. Carried.

GREEN TEAM: Mary Ann thanked Peter for the photos of the plantings and said that there were many FaceBook likes. Mary Ann suggested reaching out to other boroughs such as Norwood and sharing their activities on our page. Peter suggested piggybacking with the Boy Scout handout. Also, we should try to publicize that recycling

cardboard brings in money, as well as that pizza boxes with grease are not recyclable.

OLD

- Beechwood Park cleanup summary: It looks great! Peter will ask for a small load of chips.
- Community Garden update (no report)
- Pascack Ave. major subdivision update: There was a special meeting on 11/30. The subdivision was approved—two houses and the assessment is equivalent to 105 trees to be replaced. The builder will replace 25 and pay the fund for the other 85.
- 244 Old Tappan Road, OT update (OTEC meeting, video): This matter was supposed to go before the OT Planning Board on 12/8, but there is a fair amount of outcry in the town, and the applicant has delayed. Vinny from HP did drone shots for a video.

NEW

- Tree planting at Boro Hall: Due to low inventory this may be delayed. Great deals!! Cleatus Farm- red bud & red maple \$245, four bushes for free; Metropolitan Farm- eastern pine, winter berry, two rose bushes, daisy \$265 (all at 40 to 50% off)
- Future Spring mulch sale \$\$: Peter spoke to the CFO and then asked Jeff Brockman to ask the Mayor and Council to pass a resolution that all mulch sales profits go into the tree fund.
- 56 Bogarts Mill Rd is for sale. Peter would like to use Green Acres funds to purchase it.

-2022 Plans

Open to the public: Dan Drillich spoke about his composting and recycling projects.

Peter spoke about the next newsletter and educating people about cardboard recycling. Discussion about a “green Christmas.”

2022 meeting dates: 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7. Anne moved to adopt, second Sung. All in favor. Carried.

Anne will write a blurb about wrapping paper and take pictures of bundled cardboard.

Theresa moved to adjourn, second Anne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

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