

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
April 2, 2014, 8pm Meeting Minutes

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 8:08 with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2013 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	Cindy Kennedy-present
	MaryAnn Schran-present	Miriam Sloane-present
	Anne Lander-present	Theresa Hazelton-present
	Michelle Ryan-present	

Approval of March 5, 2014, minutes—Cindy Kennedy moved to approve, second MaryAnn Schran. All in favor.

Scout from Troop 616 speaks about proposed Eagle project—Jimmy Mohrwinkel not able to attend. He is applying for a grant and will attend the May Green Team meeting, as the EC will not hold a regular meeting in May.

Green Team Update—The GT is going ahead with Sustainable Jersey. Theresa Hazelton gave an update on school activities: 4/9 is walk to school day; 4/22 is a waste-free lunch; HPTV is discussing “green” tips; classrooms are making a green pledge; the Garden and Green Clubs are making recycling displays; Mr. Leichte is doing a carbon footprint project; the Green Club is selling t-shirts; the HSA helped buy a pop-up greenhouse; Theresa looked into solar panels at Dr. Fried’s request but learned that they would nullify the roof warrantee. A green buddies program is being launched; lunch aides are helping more with the waste stations; Dr. Fried is spreading the word that it is our obligation to recycle.

History Day—4/26 The shredder will be here 9:00-1:00. Anne will do a spreadsheet for the humus sale. The EC/GT table will offer humus and composters and promote buy fresh/buy local and single stream recycling. The Norwood Day on the same date can use volunteers (11:00-4:00).

Projects for 2014—Rain garden and low water garden. The May meeting will be a lecture. John Zuzack (NJDEP) and possible his supervisor, Greg Gothals (Dumont EC), and Bill Sheehan (Hackensack Riverkeeper) will all speak. Peter will advertise and arrange but will not be able to attend. Theresa suggested that Project Pride could do a cleanup at highland the last week of school. An Environmental Awareness award is being added to the 8th Grade Awards night.

Old Business—The March 29th cleanup was successful with 13 kids and 6 adults. Unfortunately a green DPW garbage bin was stolen. The Swim Club Green Acres property is not registered. Michelle will seek clarification on “Open Space.” Six Mayors adopted a resolution against the LG highrise in Englewood Cliffs. The EC has been asked to write in support of the resolution. RE the property that has clearcut into highland Field property, Joe Zavardino has written to the homeowners; Michelle and Mark Kiernan have visited. Mark suggested planting arbor vitae; the EC wonders about something more natural looking.

New Business-- Re the Super Bowl trees: Cindy will look in to a plaque. The DPW has the trees. They have survived. They will be dedicated to Mark Becker and planted on or before 4/22. HP school kids may be invited to ceremoniously fill in on 4/22 at 3:30—rain or shine. Michelle will ask the Mayor to come; Theresa will rally interest at the school. The Mayor went to a Bergen County EC meeting and brought back information and a questionnaire, which Peter will complete. A date for another cleanup will be discussed in June.

Adjournment—Theresa moved to adjourn, second Anne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

The next scheduled meeting is May 7, 2014