

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
February 11, 2014, 8pm Meeting Minutes

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 8:20 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-absent
 MaryAnn Schran-present at 8:55 Miriam Sloane-present
 Anne Lander-absent Theresa Hazelton-present
 Michelle Ryan-present

Reorganization Michelle Ryan nominated Peter Ardito as chair, second Theresa Hazelton. All in Favor. Discussion of remaining positions tabled until March, when more Board members will be present.

Approval of January 8, 2014, minutes Theresa Hazelton moved to approve the minutes, second Michelle Ryan, All in favor, Miriam Sloan abstained.

Green Team Update There was no meeting this month.

Projects for 2014 Peter has contacted both individuals spoken about at the January meeting and would like to go forward with a meeting, possibly for April 2, at the Environmental Commission time.

Peter would like to go forward with the Tree Bank, using the T-Mobile money. The four donated dogwoods may go near the spotlights at Don horsey Park. The Environmental Commission will follow the Beautification Committee Plan.

Miriam would like to revisit the stickers that are placed on sewers. Peter suggested that the water company or DEP may have them.

Miriam would like to also sticker objects that are put out for garbage collection and should not be. Michelle remembered that there are stickers the garbage collectors are supposed to use.

Theresa will be the school liaison. The HSA has an Environmental Committee. A waste audit was done in September. Theresa has met with the Green Club advisors to ensure that recyclables are disposed of properly. Theresa will also help the kids with activities, and the administration is willing to collaborate. Peter will meet with Dr. Fried.

Michelle would like to publicize events more. Theresa suggested utilizing the school's HPTV.

The next cleanup will be 3/29.

Old Business

Northern Valley Nature Fair, 4/26 is great, but unfortunately it's the same day as Harrington Park's History Day. The Park Ridge event is also that day, as is the Riverkeeper Greenfest.

The ERI application is complete. The review should be done in March.

Michelle reported that at the 2/18 meeting the Mayor and Council will vote on the use of ground-penetrating radar for the Old Burying Ground. The reason for its use would be to make sure not to disturb any remains when digging to mend the wall. They would be careful about removing trees. The estimate for the radar is \$6,000-\$8,000.

MaryAnn arrived at 8:55 after a business meeting/dinner.

New Business

Michelle reported that the Rec Commission will bid on a contract for field maintenance. Joon Kim has given a green policy to the Mayor and council; the bid will incorporate the policy. Peter commented on the importance of reducing toxicity where children play.

Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting is March 5, 2014