

Harrington Park Environmental Commission  
March 5, 2014, 8pm Meeting Minutes

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 8:07 pm 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-absent
Anne Lander-present	Theresa Hazelton-present
Michelle Ryan-absent	

**Also present:** Marti Francis, secretary, Greg and James Mohrwinkel

**Reorganization:** MaryAnn Schran moved to create the position of vice chair, second Cindy Kennedy. All in favor. MaryAnn Schran moved to nominate Theresa Hazelton as vice chair, second Peter Ardito. Theresa Hazelton accepted the nomination. Roll Call Vote:

Peter Ardito-yes	Cindy Kennedy-yes
MaryAnn Schran-yes	Miriam Sloane-yes
Anne Lander-yes	Theresa Hazelton-yes

Carried. Marti will let the Mayor know.

**Approval of February 11, 2014, minutes:** Maryann moved to accept, second Theresa. All in favor. Carried.

**Green Team Update:** The Green Team plans to reapply for Sustainable Jersey certification for 2014. Several items are already complete or in progress.

**Projects for 2014:** Peter has made contact with the two gentlemen mentioned at the February meeting. He will continue to pursue the possibility of a forum for the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Also: Clean ups, town day, History Day, Beechwoods

MaryAnn would like to see the rain garden happen. Marti mentioned that Ann Bistriz mentioned the Borough Hall property as a possible location. MaryAnn also noted that the stream at Highland Field has significant erosion.

**Old Business:** The 29<sup>th</sup> was confirmed as the date for the town cleanup. It will take place at the South end of Brook Street 9:00am-1:00pm.

**New Business:** The Bergen County Board of Health would like HP property to be 100% smoke free. The Commission supports and approves of this endeavor. Peter spoke of an article from the northern Valley Press (2/17) about stormwater runoff and will make copies.

Peter reported that funding was not received for the ERI. He wants to see what projects were supported with a grant so he can ascertain what is important to Sustainable Jersey.

Cindy mentioned, in relation to sewer stickers, that the new sewers have the image of a fish and a message molded into them.

Anne asked what the EC will do about the Norwood Day on April 26. Theresa will advertise through the school, a placard will be put on the EC table at the HP History Day. It will be advertised in the HP newsletter.

Peter shared the sad news that Mark Becker from Bergen SWAN was killed in a motor vehicle accident. Cindy suggested dedicating the trees (that are soon to be planted in Horsey Park) to his memory.

MaryAnn spoke of upcoming training opportunities. Peter thanked Joon Chung for all of her good work.

**Scout from Troop 616 speaks about proposed Eagle project:** James Mohrwinkel spoke of his interest in helping create a tree nursery, as his Eagle project for Troop 616, and asked for ideas. Peter gave a basic idea and background on the concept but stressed that the Scout needed to be the manager. There would be 20+ trees in buckets. A fence and mulch would both be needed. Peter will look into whether the Mayor and Council need to approve formally. Most coordination would be with Mark at the DPW. Discussion: The fence should be long lasting, environmentally sound, and leave a small carbon footprint. Haworth has a tree bank. Perhaps some ideas could be gathered there. MaryAnn suggested obtaining a grant. The question of who would maintain came up. James suggested creating a rain collection system. The trees should be native shade trees, perhaps some flowering. Peter asked for a copy of the writeup, once the concept is finalized. James will return on April 2.

**Adjournment:** Theresa moved to adjourn, second MaryAnn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

The next scheduled meeting is April 2, 2014