

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

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 8:05 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	Michelle Ryan-present
	Anne Lander-absent	Theresa Hazelton-present

Approval of October 1, 2014, minutes Theresa moved to approve, second MaryAnn. All in favor.

Jimmy Mohrwinkel gives update on his project: All 11 posts are in the ground. An 8 foot fence will go in soon. He has dogwoods. They will be in buckets and half in mulch for the winter. There will be a gate with a latch, wide enough for a person and wheelbarrow. Peter pointed out that there are deerproof gates available. Jimmy expects to be done in 2 – 3 weeks and will bring pictures next month.

The NVNJ Earth Fair will be April 25, 2015, 11:00- 4:00. Our event is that day 9:00-1:00.

Green Team Update We were certified by Sustainable Jersey with 210 points. We are working to be recertified next year. The ERI was approved and will be worth 20 points. The Green Team is looking into Municipal Blue Star, which is related to Sustainable Jersey and is thinking about an Earth Day project.

Projects for 2015

ERI- Mayor and Council authorized funding up to \$20,000. Peter received a proposal from Neglia: \$17,470 base plus \$2,500 estimated reimbursable expenses. The base amount could be \$2,500-\$3,500 less if we can recruit volunteers to do some of the work. Peter attended a summit at United Water. Two to three representatives may work with him on funding. 2.6% of the town belongs to United Water according to the tax rolls, although it is probably more like 20%. Peter is hopeful that United Water will give \$2,000-\$3,000. Peter distributed the proposal and would like feedback at the December meeting. Neglia has done such work before. This would begin in the spring and last about 2 ½ months.

Tree Bank-almost done; Peter has asked the Mayor and Council to begin thinking about liability. A lottery system may be needed at the beginning to decide who will receive the trees.

Perhaps a flower/vegetable garden between the Library and Borough Hall, including a composter, pathway and benches. Various organizations could be involved. Demo garden by Korean community?

Financial Report

The T-Mobile account is currently at \$7,594.51

The Green Team account is at \$528.25

For the future, the EC would also like the recyclables report every month.

Old Business

Rain Garden-Theresa found a location with Dr. Fried. She has reached out to Roseanna DeSilva at Rutgers and Ray Cywinski at United Water for advice and support. Cost is a big factor. Peter suggested reaching out to Sonya Clark as well. The goal is to have the garden installed in the spring. Peter pointed out that this could be a viable project for a Sustainable Jersey grant.

New Business

Trains-Much oil is being transported. HP has the only curve on the track in all of the Northern Valley. The firefighting apparatus is in Mahwah. CSX is willing to work with towns to create safety plans because another company wants to lay pipeline to transport the fuel. The Mayor is planning to form an ad hoc committee. Peter is willing to join it. Peter also pointed out that statutorily the Emergency Management Team includes the chair of the EC.

There are more symposiums planned. There is a new, longer-lasting, more permeable asphalt.

The cleanup will be on November 8 at 9:00am at the Swim Club. Check-in will be at the location. Announcements will be on HPTV and in the school's weekly wrap-up.

A resident has requested a butterfly garden

Michelle reported that: The Old Building Ground has gone out to bid again, Siobhan Bailey will chair the ad hoc committee for Pondsides, Judy Collins (an engineer) is on the committee, Peter and MaryAnn will share membership. Green Team meetings are not on the municipal calendar; there may be a quorum issue. Perhaps for 2015 the EC meetings will start at 7:30 and the municipal calendar can note that the first ½ hour is the GT meeting. The EC will decide on this at the December meeting. The Planning Board will meet on November 10 at 6:30 to discuss adjusting ordinances.

To bring to Mayor and Council

Solar Panels-Michelle will ask about the possibility of panels on the DPW building

Fishing in the reservoir-Would they be willing to install "No Fishing" signs there? Michelle had heard rumors about county plans to redesign that intersection.

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting December 3, 2014 MaryAnn moved to adjourn, second Michelle. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.