

Harrington Park Environmental Commission  
February 4, 2015, 7:30pm Meeting Minutes

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:36 with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2015 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 Michelle Ryan-present at 7:52  
Anne Lander-present Theresa Hazelton-present  
Joannie Turner-present

**Approval of January 7, 2015, minutes** MaryAnn moved to approve, second Cindy. All in Favor.

**Green Team Portion of meeting** Mayor Hoelscher and Joon Kim are attending the Board of Education meeting. The deadline for 2015 Sustainable Jersey is June 7. Some current points will not expire. The ERI will not be finished in time for 2015. Theresa will work on the school gardens; Cindy on buy fresh, buy local. Peter will work on the EC summary. The Mayor and Council will need to pass a resolution in support of Sustainable Jersey. Peter or MaryAnn will sign a statement Marti prepares. Cindy will work on backyard composting. Anne will write about the recycling depot. Paper shredding will be 4/25. Theresa suggested the Site Plan Review action and will look into it. She also suggested Animal and Wildlife education. Judy will address the EC Site Plan Review.

The Facebook page has 264 friends.

The fire hydrants are buried under the snow. Michelle will bring this to Mayor and Council. The Beechwoods sign is beautiful. Theresa reported that the school is focusing on getting kids involved in planning for the rain garden, which will cost \$6,500.

There is a 2/9 lecture on fracking at the OT library and a 2/10 networking meeting in Montclair for Sustainable Jersey.

On 1/15 MaryAnn went to a Bergen SWAN meeting. They will help with community projects and will send people to help in Beechwoods. 4/18 is the Park Ridge bi-state cleanup; 4/25 is Heritage Day and NV Earth Day. Rosemary Kelly is planning a 3/7 rally at 2pm at the Oradell Reservoir overpass at Old Hook Road about train safety. EC members will go to the 2/9 Mayor and Council meeting.

## **ERI Proposal**

The EC reviewed the bid description prepared by Peter, who pointed out that the last page is #2 not 3 and that it should state that six (6) copies are requested. Michelle has spoken to Bobbi Bauer in Cresskill. That borough had Michael Hakim prepare an ERI and was very happy with the results. The final cost was \$17,850, part of it as a grant. There was a dispute over part of the cost, but it was resolved.

Cindy would like to see differentiation among private/town/water company property. She will send a paragraph. Ann B will prepare the final proposal after all EC members comment on the final draft that will be emailed to them. The EC would like 8 copies. Peter will speak to the Mayor and then the attorney about the language concerning ownership of the ERI. Peter stated his desire to spend no more than \$20,000 total.

## **Future Projects**

Beechwoods Cleanup To be 3/28 or 4/18 if 3/28 is still snow covered.

## **Treasury Report**

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

Marti is not able to attend the  $\frac{3}{4}$  meeting. She will leave the tape recorder at the Borough Hall and will type up minutes.

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting March 4, 2015, 7:30pm. Theresa moved to adjourn, second Joannie. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.