

Harrington Park Environmental Commission  
July 1, 2015, 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:35 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-absent                     Michelle Ryan-present  
                   Anne Lander-present                     Theresa Hazelton-absent  
                   Joannie Turner-present

Also present-Sue DiFolco

Cindy shared that the White Elephant sale brought in \$126 for the Green Team.

She is continuing her "Spotlight on..." series.

**Minutes** Anne moved to accept the June 6 minutes, second Cindy Kennedy. All in favor. Michelle Ryan abstained. Carried.

Sue DiFolco commented that many neighbors put trash and recyclables out as early as Monday. The EC/GT has addressed this in the newsletter. Discussion about putting together a welcome packet for newcomers to town; this could include a garbage/recyclable pickup schedule.

**Green Team Portion of meeting**

**ERI Proposal vote**

**Future Projects**

**Treasury Report:** As of 6/2/15 per CFO (MF has requested update)

Grant Bergen County Mini : \$900.00

Green Team: \$453.25

Tree Removal T-Mobile: \$7594.51

## **Old Business**

ERI/Mike Hakim email: Peter shared that Mayor and Council approved the EC recommendation to work with Mike Hakim on the ERI and that Mike Hakim signed the contract. He will provide regular updates and come to meetings. Questions should be sent through Marti so there is a central conduit for communication. Cindy commented that we had originally asked for a breakdown of property to include properties owned privately, properties owned by the water company, and open space. Cindy will send an email to Marti who will forward it to Mike Hakim.

Water Company border areas/mowing

- Ray C willing to attend our Sept. EC meeting re Columbus Street Park
- Who owns it
- Native plant gardens/community garden/ball field

Peter called Ray Cywinski. Together they drove around town. He learned that there is 24/7 customer service and that any water company issue can be addressed. Ray will come to a meeting. Columbus is owned by the Water Company who is committed to keeping wilderness in water areas. Discussion of teaching area, bee hives, plaques, community gardens. There could be funding.

Sue DiFolco commented that Teaneck is building on park property to raise money. Peter shared that United Water owns Columbus Park and residents need not worry about development there.

## **New Business**

Peter Francis Boy Scout Eagle Project. Peter is interested in a project and met with Peter Ardito who gave him some ideas.

- Beechwoods
- Borough Hall Park
- Other suggestions

Peter Ardito reached out to Nancy Wehman, borough clerk at Alpine, about solar panels. They have worked out well in Alpine, reducing what they need and making money in credits. Most of installation was in grants. Peter will also speak to someone in Old Tappan.

Town Day outline

- selling what
- anything special we want to do

Michelle is willing to coordinate for EC. We should do a recycling game.

Anne wants t-shirts (polo shirts with logo)

Cindy will get clips

Theresa will bake cookies

Peter will make lemonade

Cindy will buy Amato Bread

Joannie will ask United Water for giveaways and look into a game

Anne will help Theresa package cookies

Cindy will be in charge of the banner.

**Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting August 5, 2015, 7:30 pm** Cindy moved to adjourn, second Joannie. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.