

Harrington Park Environmental Commission  
Minutes for June 3, 2015

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:44pm 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-absent  
Anne Lander-present Theresa Hazelton-present  
Joannie Turner-present

Also present: Joon Kim for the Green Team

Peter announced that D’Ercole’s application for the gas station renovation has been approved by the Planning Board. The variances were for signage and outside storage. The items to be stored are plants.

**Green Team Portion of meeting**

Anne attended the Bergen SWAN meeting; Ray Cywinski invited MaryAnn to Farm to Table. 6/6 is the rummage sale; 6/9 is the Green up trade show at Van Saun; 6/21 is the HP fishing derby; 6/27 is James Mohrwinkel’s Eagle Ceremony. The school had a shoe recycling program and had the garden open during the curriculum fair. HPTV has a Green Tips segment. Kpurtney Mendello received her Gold Award. NJDEP has a recycling award. Theresa will look into it. Sustainable Jersey deadline is 6/7. We have 155 points locked in. Joon reported that NVOT is changing all water fountains to hydration stations. A plaque honoring Hansen Harding’s retirement will be placed near one of them. For Town Day we should have green products and recycling games. The Mayor and Council are supportive of the Tree Bank. Marti did sent the newsletter information.

**Minutes** MaryAnn voted to approve the minutes of May 6, 2015, second Cindy. All in Favor. Peter abstained. Carried.

**Treasury Report:** As of 6/2/15 per CFO:

Grant Bergen County Mini : \$900.00

Green Team: \$453.25

Tree Removal T-Mobile: \$7594.51

## **Old Business**

Vote to approve the ERI vendor Hakim Associates

Mr. Hakim has removed the copyright issue. Cindy moved to accept the ERI proposal and move forward, second Anne.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Peter Ardito-yes                      Cindy Kennedy-yes

MaryAnn Schran-yes                Joanie Turner-yes

Anne Lander-yes                      Theresa Hazelton-yes

Carried. Peter will alert Mayor and Council. Marti will write Mayor and Council and ask them to accept the EC's recommendation.

Vote to approve planting of trees at 1) upper Highland Field (Boy Scout benches) \*

The Rec Commission voiced concern that the roots might be damaging and that the leaves might be problematic. Mr. Hakim has recommended sugar maples at the SW corner of each bench. Marti will relay to Rec Commission. The EC wants approval in writing.

2) Pondside Park (replacing dead tree)

We will replace the dead tree and put up screening.

Oil train update 5/17 rally had 100+ people. Trains are again traveling fast and drivers are being reprimanded. Senator Booker is taking interest. The next coalition meeting is June 9.

Planning Board update from May meeting

**New Business** Peter attended a 5/15 meeting on native plants for beekeeping and butterflies.

Solar panels on DPW buildings Peter will research free or low cost installation; he is also interested in wind turbine. There is a question of appropriate location.

Jennifer Anderson at Metropolitan Farm in Closter may be a good resource. Ann Bistriz is still interested in creating something between Borough Hall and the library. Perhaps Joanie and Theresa or Anne will join an ad hoc committee.

Discussion of Peter's talk with Ray Cywinski about the Water Company property on Columbus Road (field) and the need to find a system to keep residents content and property protected. Theresa suggested a community outreach phone number. Perhaps Ray could attend a meeting. Would United Water sell the property to HP? Would we want it? Mary Ann moved that if grant money is available and Mayor and Council is receptive and UW is willing to sell the property the EC recommend that HP purchase the property using Green Acres funding, second Theresa.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Peter Ardito-yes	Cindy Kennedy-yes
MaryAnn Schran-yes	Joanie Turner-yes
Anne Lander-yes	Theresa Hazelton-yes

Carried. Marti will write to the Mayor and Council.

Panel discussion for October?

James Mohrwinkel Eagle Ceremony scheduled for 11:00 June 27 at Community Church.

**Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting July 1, 2015, 7:30 pm**

MaryAnn moved to adjourn, second Theresa. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:21. We will decide on holding the July meeting when we see how many members are available.

**\*Input from Rec Commission**