

Harrington Park Environmental Commission  
November 4, 2015, 7:30 pm 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. The time change was advertised on September 25, 2015 in the Bergen Record.

Roll Call: Peter Ardito-present Cindy Kennedy-present  
MaryAnn Schran-present Michelle Ryan-absent  
Anne Lander-absent Theresa Hazelton-present  
Joannie Turner-present

Also present: Joon Kim, Judy Hunter, Sue Difolco, Marti Francis (Environmental Commission Secretary)

**Minutes of October 7, 2015**-Cindy moved to adopt the minutes, second MaryAnn. All in favor. Theresa abstained. Carried.

**Green Team Portion of Meeting**

The town clean up will be held at highland Field on November 7 (9-1). The tree farm is very overgrown. Peter is speaking to a company that may be able to assist. Re 5K race, Theresa attended a meeting and requested recycling containers throughout the course. Paper cups, and not plastic, will be used. In the future Green Team members may help encourage people to put trash and recyclables in their place. Harrington Park received the Small Sustainable Champion Award. The Word Press needs submissions. About the school: The garden club is meeting year round. They are sewing seeds year to year and using a cold frame in the winter. The green club is also active. MaryAnn needs 5 high-resolution photos. 1/27 there is a roundtable for creativity in Hackensack.

United Water started an environmental group called RACE. Joanie is in charge.

TREE FARM: We will need to visit in the spring to devise a program of maintenance and upkeep. A lottery system is needed.

SOLAR: Peter is collecting information and spoke to the administration in Old Tappan. Maybe the Fire Department, library, and DPW are candidates for panels (if structurally sound).

PARKS: Joon provided Peter and MaryAnn with paperwork about parkland.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received concerning s business that may be operating out of a basement. Peter will forward to Joe Zavarino.

**ERI update** **What is our responsibility as project manager?** We will ask Michael Hakim to a meeting to discuss.

**Future Projects** Peter Francis plans to extend the Beechwoods path as an Eagle project. The EC/GT would like to help with ERI. We should publicize items such as the Hawk Watch. Perhaps have raptor people come to History Day.

**Treasury Report:** As of 10/7/15 per CFO

Green Team: \$579.25; Tree Removal T-Mobile: \$7594.51

**Old Business** Sue Difolco asked what is happening with D'Ercole. Peter reported that everything has been approved by the Planning Board, but the current property owners have not provided proof of mediation. D'Ercole cannot proceed without it.

**New Business** Peter saw Steve Bistriz who would like to use a downed tree in Beechwoods to make something the EC/GT could raffle off. The EC approves, and Peter will ask Mayor and Council.

**Fall Clean-up 11/7**

**Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting December 2, 2015, 7:30 pm**