

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
January 6, 2016, 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

At 7:34 pm Peter Ardito opened the meeting with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2016 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 Laura Fitzgerald-present
Anne Lander-present Theresa Hazelton-present
Joannie Turner-present

Also present: Mayor Hoelscher, Councilwoman Chung, and Judy Hunter

Minutes of December 2, 2015 Anne moved to adopt the minutes, second Theresa. All in favor. Carried.

Peter Ardito welcomed new member Councilwoman Fitzgerald and gave her an update on the ERI.

Guest: Michael Hakim Mr. Hakim explained that an ERI is not a planning study and does not set forth objectives. It is, in fact, an inventory. It is for use by EC, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Mayor and Council, etc., for looking at flood plains, surface water, topo, etc., when questions arise in regard to applications, etc. It is also meant to benefit students and all citizens. The Mayor commented that it will help clarify what the borough is actually able to provide vis a vis COAH regulations. A comment was made that United Water should be changed to Suez on the cover sheet. Mr. Hakim asked for guidance on who else should receive credit. He also asked for direction on whether to leave in the recommendations section and will give a draft to the EC for review if that is desired. He stated that he does not required assistance from the community but that general comments could be given as far as residents' experience with flora and fauna. Someone asked whether the ballfield at Pondsides is wetlands. He will look into this. Anne asked how Pondsides will be classified, as it is artificial. Cindy asked about delineating property owned by the town and residents vs that owned by the

water company. Mr. Hakim stated that he will do a listing but not a map. Peter asked how much a map will cost. Mr. Hakim will check. Mr. Hakim reviewed those items his proposal eliminated from the RFP. Peter asked what the EC/GT could do to assist. Mr. Hakim stated that fieldwork would be helpful—walking around with maps to verify accuracy. MaryAnn stated that there are more wetlands than the map shows.

Green Team Portion of Meeting Items required for recertification were reviewed. The next clean up will be reviewed in February.

ERI update

Review 2015

Future Projects

Treasury Report: As of 1/6/16 per CFO

Green Team Trust 919.68
T-Mobile Tree 7594.51
Bergen County Mini Grant: 900.00
Green Team 38.66 (from Last Year Budget)

Old Business

New Business Peter suggested donating the amount needed for ANJEC dues back to the town to help alleviate the tight budget. The EC will think about for February.

Also for February, the EC will think about sending an official advisory to the town to return to the political sign agreement.

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting February 3, 2016, 7:30 pm MaryAnn moved to adjourn, second Cindy. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.