

Hillsdale Environmental Commission

Minutes – 2/21/2017

Members in attendance: Ed Alter, Bob Cinek, Scott Raymond, Elizabeth Snieckus, Adam Tate, Tom Wiseman.

Members absent: Sachiko Goodyear, Meredith Kates, Jack Stubbs

Guests: No guests

Meeting open: 7:00 pm

I. General Business:

- a. **Adopted minutes from 1/16/2017 meeting** - No further action required.
- b. **Budget** – Scott Raymond completing forms requesting EC budget for 2017, and is awaiting its approval. He anticipates that it will be the same as 2016.

II. Subcommittee Updates:

a. **Municipal Advisory**

- i. **Emerald Ash Borer** – EC waiting for report from Frank Pizzella.
- ii. **SUEZ (formerly United Water) Walkway** – Borough Administrator has received bids on gates and cameras (solar vs electric). SUEZ needs Watershed Board meeting and approval for new plans submitted by the Borough, before they can move forward.
- iii. **Beechwood Park** – Waiting for Beechwood Grant report from Frank Pizzella.
- iv. **Tree Ordinance Status** – Waiting for status update from Liaison Frank Pizzella.
- v. **Deer Management Article Status** – Waiting for update from Frank Pizzella.
- vi. **NJ Transit Overspray** – Borough Administrator Jon DeJoseph has made an OPRA request to determine of ownership and approval of planting installed in 1999, along the railroad tracks in Hillsdale. Scott Raymond is awaiting his update.

b. **Planning and Zoning**

- i. **PSEG** – Scott Raymond is to send EC recommendations to PSEG representatives, for additional screen planting and street trees within the industrial zone, and bordering adjacent residential zones.
- ii. **Scholastic Bus Rezone** – Planning Board to hear application February 24th.

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c. Website

- i. **Deer Management Program** – Bob Cinek is waiting for Mayor’s approval before posting guidelines on the EC website.

d. Schools – No updates at this time.

III. Future Events:

- a. **Bi-State Clean-Up** – Tentatively scheduled for April 29th. Tom Wiseman is to coordinate planning with Meredith Kates.
- b. **Green Fair** – Meredith Kates to coordinate with James Alba. Date is still pending.
- c. **Arbor Day School Activities** – Trees will be donated by Site One Landscape Supply. Scott, Tom, Bob and Jack are to coordinate with Hillsdale schools on dates, and locations for tree plantings in March.
- d. **Church Clean Up** – Scott will coordinate with Hillsdale Bible Church, and Tom will coordinate with Hillsdale United Methodist Church, on Beechwood Trail and Hillsdale Cemetery clean ups.
- e. **Northern Valley Earth Day** – Tom is waiting to hear what date the event will be held, and its location, to determine if the EC will attend and if we want a booth there.

IV. Training:

- a. **ANJEC** – Commissioner’s Training, March 25, Cranford, NJ.
- b. **Clean Water Action** – 31st Annual Conference, Saturday, April 8, Edison, NJ

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next meeting: March 20, 7:00 pm