

Hillsdale Environmental Commission

Reorganization and Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes February 17, 2020

Members in attendance: Scott R., Owen P., Fred R., Adam T., S. Goodman, M. Kates

I. Reorganization

- a. Call to Order (7:05 pm) and Reorganization
- b. Roll Call/Update on Oaths of Office
- c. Nomination and Affirmative Vote for Chairperson - Meredith
- d. Nomination and Affirmative Vote for Vice Chairperson - Scott Raymond;
Discussion/affirmative vote on desirability of having a second vice chair - Fred
- e. Nomination and Affirmative Vote for Secretary – Scott B.
- f. Motion and Approval of Scheduled Meeting Dates for 2020 (March 16, Apr. 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21
- g. Distribution of Member Roster
- h. ANJEC membership update – send in membership enrollment

II. Commission Business

- a. Approval of minutes from January 20, 2020
- b. Correspondence and emails
 1. Paul Zeller (Tech. supervisor PV on behalf of Kristin Lindstrom) - bee hives to be installed at PV in the spring. The ceremony: Wednesday, May 20 - 3:30
 2. Gregory J Volek (3608 Lake Aspen Dr North Gretna LA) 6.7-acre parcel of land. Wants town to purchase with Green Acres/County Grant. Watershed Board met Jan. 27 (status). Waiting on council response. Lori Charkey (Bergen SWAN) also contacted EC on same matter. Hillsdale does not take Green Acres fund. Currently in the hands of the Council.
- c. Meeting with new Borough Administrator - scheduled for Feb. 18 at 10:00 am – will meet once a month – talk about Heritage Tree
- d. Budget/shirts – took orders – samples – grey polyester with Environmental Commission on back – same budget as last year – tree fund - used for reforest other areas in Hillsdale – will get an update from BA

III. Community Advisory

- a. Alexander Cleaners – conference call follow-up
- b. Community Forestry Update/Emerald Ash follow up – wait for Frank
- c. Tree Ordinance (TO) Status Update – wait for Frank
- d. Teterboro flight path – Noise from flights – end of January FAA would redirect route to reduce noise – in terms of Hillsdale some impact on the west side of town, WTP and Ridgewood would be affected more

IV. EC Programs/Initiatives

- a. Spring Event Planning – seedling – not sure we will do this year – April 28 Bi-State Cleanup – update flyer – Arbor Day – Bob Cinek has coordinated in the past – need to find out if Bob will do it – pick a date and spot – Green Fair – not sure if this is going to happen – Be the Church for cleanup Beechwood Park in June

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- b. ERI – looking for feedback from Town Engineer on open space – Frank needs to get a copy of any resolution that may have been passed for the EC’s record regarding the Council’s formal desire to have the EC prepare an ERI for Hillsdale
- c. Styrofoam – no update on Sustainable – we could set up our own collection and transportation – lots of regulations

V. Planning/Zoning

- a. 333 Washington on hold
- b. Built for Success – 10 Orchard – vote to take place on Feb 25

VI. Upcoming Trainings/Events

- a. March 7 (Saturday) ANJEC Fundamentals for Environmental Commission Training 2020 (recommended for new members)

Meeting Adjourn:

Next Meeting: March 16, 2020