

Hillsdale Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes August 19, 2019

Members in attendance: Meredith Kates, Scott Raymond, Ed Alter, Steve Goodman, Fred Rubel, Adam Tate, Scott Beckman

I. Commission Business

- a. Call to Order (7:08 pm) and approval of minutes from June 17, 2019
- b. Correspondence and email
 1. Elise Burns (girl scout advisor- referred to Sapienza Gardens Committee)
 2. Received ANJEC renewal
 3. Received storm water plan from PSE&G
- c. Budget Update- provided Aug. 2 by BA and forwarded to Scott R., same as last budget – recommend that just sending our budget page – subcommittee should review any additional budget
- d. Check in meeting with chairs and BA/Mayor (to be rescheduled)
- e. Shirts – Scott R. looking for new source – BA wants us to use the town vendor

II. Community Advisory

- a. Alexander Cleaners- no updates
- b. Community Forestry Update - Frank and Meredith – answers to EC questions/comments from BA
 1. BA will communicate with EC regarding on any forestry implementation per monthly meeting
 2. No net loss is for the borough not residents
 3. They will incorporate the remainder of our comments into the draft for legal review.
- c. Tree Ordinance (TO) Status Update
 1. Frank is trying to organize a meeting with the BA, Mayor, Frank and EC chairs
 2. Scheduling issues have delayed the meeting
 3. Mayor has agreed to come to an EC meeting to resolve
 4. Suggest that we do it ½ hour before regular meeting on September 19th
 5. BA and DPW will determine the priority of trees
- d. Shade Tree Commission Formation status and discussion (Frank)
 1. STC is responsible for the tree canopy in town
 2. EC was involved in this type of process before and to some extent now
 3. Shade Tree Commission status is uncertain.
- e. Rec/EC subcommittee meeting on Scout efforts (Scott, Meredith, Dewey)
- f. Suez Walkway Update- no communication from the BA
- g. Improvement Grant Treescaping- no updates

III. Spring EC events/future events

- a. Town Day- Sept 14 12-5 pm (staffing, schedule, set up, take down) - need 2 tables – at Beechwood – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.
- b. Emerald Ash/Pam Zipse and Closter Nature Center Deer Exclusion update

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1. Steve hasn't heard back from Pam Zipse
2. Steve prefers Pam or someone from Rutgers
3. Closter – Steve put up deer exclosures at Closter nature center
4. They use nylon fencing and cabling

IV. Trainings/Presentations

- a. Aug. 20- What is a HAB (Hint: Harmful Algal Bloom) and what causes it?
 1. The New Jersey Highlands Coalition with the Lake Mohawk Preservation Foundation, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters, and ANJEC are hosting a public forum to discuss HABs and their impacts to New Jersey's lake's and surrounding communities. Register now to join us and learn about the causes of HABs and how to prevent them from continuing to jeopardize our lakes.
 2. 7:30PM at The Lake Mohawk Country Club (21 Lake Mohawk Country Club Boardwalk Sparta Township, NJ 07871)
- b. Riverdale Shade Tree Commission- Wednesday September 25, 2019. -Continuing Education Classes - Includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch
 1. 8:00am Registration
 2. Hazardous Tree Identification w/ Jeff Picher
 3. EAB w/ Paul Kurtz (Rutgers University)
 4. Spotted Lantern Fly w/ Paul Kurtz (Rutgers University)
 5. 11:45am - 12:30pm – Lunch
 6. Controlling Deer and Bear w/ Joseph Paulin (Rutgers University)
 7. 91 Newark Pompton Tpk. Riverdale, NJ 07457 - Contact Linda Roetman - 973-835-4060 ext. 6 - 4 CEUs

V. Planning/Zoning

- a. 333 Washington- landscaping recommendations requested by applicant- Aug. 27 Hearing - Steve thinks the buildings are too close together and may impact species selection - everything else OK
- b. Built for Success- 10 Orchard St.- review needed for Sept. 12 hearing
- c. PSEG- review needed- Sept. 24 hearing

VI. Long Range Items- Updates

- a. ERI - Fred – key requirements is for an inventory of open space – Chris reviewed and sent us his comments and was reviewed by Fred – distributed to EC for comments

Meeting Adjourn: 8:47 pm

Next Meeting: September 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm