

Hillsdale Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes October 21, 2019

Members in attendance: M. Kates, E. Alter, A. Tate, S. Goodman, F. Rubel

I. Commission Business

- a. Call to Order (7:05 pm) and approval of minutes from September 16, 2019
- b. Correspondence and email
 1. ANJEC renewal -
 2. Bank of America (Kimberly Keene) – October 3rd – replacing roof, seeking input on materials. Referred to Chris Statile, BA and Building Department.
- c. Budget Update- provided on September 30th from BA – need to use funds by the end of the year – defer to Scott R's return
- d. Shirts – defer to Scott R.'s return
- e. Membership update – (Owen Peacock – former Emerson EC member, Luisa Toro, Marin Schloss) – Ed will change status to alternate

II. Community Advisory

- a. Alexander Cleaners – demolition performed on 10/21/19 – EC should ask for status report
- b. Community Forestry Update – defer to Frank's return
- c. Tree Ordinance (TO) Status Update – defer to Frank's return
- d. Shade Tree Commission – update and schedule – defer to Frank's return
- e. Suez Walkway – Ed (update on Agreement)
 1. Suez waiting for DEP approval
 2. Hillsdale needs to re-apply
 3. Mayor is aware
 4. Need to get State grant
- f. Eagle Scout Project- Colby Van Dyken (status)
 1. Memorial Park Renewal Project
 2. There is erosion along the field and plan replace with steps
 3. Council has not approved yet
 4. There may be insurance concerns
- g. Luke Fiorino of Troop 109 briefed the EC on his planned project
 1. Plant approximately 12 maple trees for maple syrup festival – disease killed off trees in 90s in the vicinity of Briarcliff, Chadwick, and Fores
 2. Eventually reinstate maple syrup/pancake breakfast tradition
 3. PSE&G will donate the trees and will be planted by a team of volunteers
 4. Plantings/breakfast will honor and commemorate original members of EC
 5. Low maintenance – but some maintenance first year
 6. Upcoming Spring for planting
- h. Improvement Grant Treescaping – EC Role
- i. Schools – cafeteria tray update
 1. Ongoing for 12 years
 2. Will remove all Styrofoam and replace with compostable trays

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III. EC Programs/Initiatives

- a. Invasive Species Program – Pam Zipse – Steve on December 10) at 7 pm in the Library – Emerald Ash Borer
 - 1. Homeowners need to be aware that if they have ash borer
 - 2. Lantern Fly – now in Jersey City – attack agricultural crops – grapes
 - 3. Pam offered to do a registration and advertise – will give CE credits – Steve needs to do a general outline for a press release
 - 4. Look into filming presentation
- b. ERI – Fred – inventory went out to Chris – get copy of resolution
- c. Open Space Preservation Project (Bergen Swan) – get money for preservation – Hillsdale has historically not taken the grant money
 - 1. BA identified a parcel of 6.67 acres along the Pascack Brook (Block 909 Lot 7)
 - 2. It is the rear of Morris Drive, Maria Drive, and Queen Court
 - 3. Meets criteria

IV. County/State Initiatives

- a. ANJEC request for local resolution in support of S2252/A4819
 - 1. Bill to expand electric vehicle plug in infrastructure and increase rebates for buying an electric car
- b. County adoption of Styrofoam Ban in county jurisdiction (October 16th)

V. Planning/Zoning

- a. 333 Washington – revised plan – Landscape plan for review
- b. Built for Success- 10 Orchard St. (review complete)
- c. PSEG (review complete)

Meeting Adjourn: 8:37 pm

Next Meeting: November 18, 2019