

Hillsdale Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes September 16, 2019

Members in attendance: M. Kates; A. Tate; S. Goodman; S. Beckman

I. Commission Business

- a. Call to Order (7:06 pm) and approval of minutes from August 19, 2019
- b. Correspondence and email
 1. ANJEC renewal
 2. Marin Schloss Carosia (resident) is seeking organic landscaper for rain garden – has Masters in Environmental Planning
- c. Budget Update- provided August 31 but not as expected – ask for tree bank fund budget
- d. Committee meeting with BA/Mayor – postponed due to absentees
- e. Shirts –tabled until Scott R. returns
- f. Membership update – Ed is going to alternate status due to health – suggest move Ed to Tom’s position and seek new alternate member – to be done for 2020

II. Community Advisory

- a. Alexander Cleaners – nothing new
- b. Community Forestry Update – not discussed at Council
- c. Tree Ordinance (TO) Status Update –Town Attorney to incorporate EC input into draft
- d. Shade Tree Commission – update and schedule – tabled at Council
- e. Suez Walkway – nothing new
- f. Website/PR – nothing new
- g. Scout Project- Colby Van Dyken (in collaboration with Rec. Commission) – renewal of Beechwood West Bank (enhancement of pathways)
- h. Sapienza Garden – people calling Frank to get in contact to help

III. EC Town Programs/events

- a. Town Day- Sept 14 recap – not as well attended – baseball team recognized – Meredith did a wheel game with the kids - robotics team (award winning) wants to do an environmental problem – recommended that they should come to one of the meetings to brain storm – Steve talked with individuals interested in visiting the meeting – no questions about recycling
- b. Emerald Ash/Pam Zipse – to be scheduled

IV. Upcoming Trainings/Regional Events

- a. **“Let’s Talk About Water” – Thursday September 26 (6 – 8:00 pm)**
 1. Newark public Library, 1st floor, 5 Washington Street, Newark
 2. ANJEC panel about water issues in NJ (973-733-7820)
- b. **ANJEC 46th Annual Environmental Congress – Oct. 4 (Friday) \$75**
 1. 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Mercer County College, West Windsor
 2. NJDEP Commissioner – Key Speaker

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3. Workshops: electric vehicle charging, local plastics actions, recycling, state Energy Master Plan, storm water
- c. **Riverdale Shade Tree Continuing Education – Sept 25** – Steve is enrolled

V. Planning/Zoning

- a. 333 Washington
- b. Built for Success- 10 Orchard St.- update and continuing (November 14) -
- c. PSEG- review needed- Sept. 24 hearing

VI. Long Range Items- Updates

- a. ERI – Steve will do invasive species – Scott B. Will do surface water

Meeting Adjourn: 8:10

Next Meeting: October 21, 2019