

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
February 2, 2022 Minutes

Notice of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting location change January 5, 2022. Pursuant to Governor Murphy's Executive Orders #107 and 108 ordering Statewide lockdowns, and P.L. 2020, c. 34 permitting public bodies to conduct meetings via electronic means during declared states of emergency, the meeting of the Borough of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting scheduled for February 5 **at 7:30 p.m.** will be conducted remotely from the electronic meeting platform Zoom.us. Members of the public can join the meeting and participate during public comment period by joining the meeting using the Zoom mobile application on a smartphone or tablet, joining the meeting by laptop with microphone capabilities, or dialing in using a telephone to the Zoom teleconference system. Information on how to join the meeting electronically appears below. Members of the public may submit written comments in advance of a meeting, which will be read during the relevant public portion of the meeting. Written comments shall contain the person's name and address and may be submitted via email to the Borough Clerk (clerk@harringtonparknj.gov) or by mail addressed to: Clerk, Borough Hall, 85 Harriot Ave., Harrington Park, NJ. Emailed comments must be received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Mailed comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. If any meeting includes a public hearing, all material that will be considered by the Borough Council at the public hearing shall be posted on or linked to the homepage of the Borough's website in a conspicuous location or as otherwise required by law. Written comments, as set forth above, will be accepted for such public hearings. If sworn testimony is to be taken during the public hearing, it shall be broadcast by both video and audio. Written public comments will not be considered where sworn testimony is required. Topic: Environmental Commission of Harrington Park meeting. Date and Time: January 6, 2021, 7:30 p.m. EST. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81425265967?pwd=eHd4RUwrdUZFYTM2eXVtdUdjVVZQQT09>. Meeting ID: 814 2526 5967 Passcode: 08052020 One tap mobile +16465588656,,81425265967#,,, *08052020# US (New York). Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 814 2526 5967 Passcode: 08052020. Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kQQqVqoj5>. A copy of the agenda is available at the Borough of Harrington Park website: www.harringtonparknj.gov. Members of the public may contact the Borough Clerk to obtain copies of the meeting materials at (201) 768-1700 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during normal business days, or by e-mail: Ann Bistriz clerk@harringtonparknj.gov All documents for matters on the agenda are electronically on file at the following website: www.harringtonparknj.gov.

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:35 pm with the following announcement: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to the Record and is filed with the Borough Clerk.

Roll Call

Peter Ardito (PA) - present	Sung Yoo (SY) - absent
Theresa Hazelton (TH) - present	Mary Ann Schran (MAS) - absent
Meredith Budinich (MB) - present	Anne Lander (AL) - present
Councilman Blackinton (BB) - present	

Minutes of 1/5/22 TN moved to approve, second BB. All in favor. Carried.

OLD Peter spent 1 ½ hours at the beehives on 1/22. The beekeeper will give us honeycomb to sell on commission. The contract is going up a little. Perhaps we will add a third hive next year. Peter is using some honey money for a bee suit, mask, and smoke gun. We should have a maintenance schedule and plant plants at the hive.

Cleatus Farm has the Girl Scout tree from the Van Saun event and will plant it at the library when the ground is ready.

Peter encouraged everyone to attend the OT Planning Board meeting on 2/9 about the potential development on Old Tappan Road.

community garden update Meredith reached out to Bill Howe. Old Tappan has 16 plots and a waiting list (\$20 per plot). They are building an additional garden. The biggest issue is maintenance. About \$800 spent on fencing. We will invite Bill to an upcoming meeting. The head of the OT EC gives all produce from one plot to a food bank. Bill Blackinton will talk to St. Andrews.

-shred day (4/23) update

-continued Zooming timeframe

NEW

PA and TN met with HP School Superintendent on 1/31. They discussed the possibility of putting solar panels on the roof. TN will follow up with the school.

Someone has been bow hunting in Beechwood Park. PA contacted the police, Suez, and the Borough Attorney.

Perhaps we will look into a grant for an EV charger.

Discussion of unfortunate event at George Street ice rink.

A resident asked for a garbage can at Don Horsey park. Can we use one of the cans at the school?

PUBLIC COMMENT Dan Drillich asked if there is any way to cut down or eliminate the delivery of the free newspapers. PA will talk to the Mayor and Council.

Dan also asked if we can help businesses compost. PA will talk to Jeff Brockman (HP Business Alliance).

Mary Ann has started looking at actions for Sustainable Jersey.

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 2

VOTE TO CLOSE AL moved to adjourn, second MB. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

