

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
May 4, 2022 MINUTES

Notice of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting location change April 6, 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 May 4 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: April 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/81425265967?pwd=eHd4RUwrdUZFYTM2eXVtdUdjVVZQQT09>. 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.

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. Further, the amendment to the format of the meeting was adequately advertised.

Roll Call

Peter Ardito (PA) - present	Sung Yoo (SY) - absent
Theresa Hazelton (TH) - present	Mary Ann Schran (MAS) – present at 7:37
Meredith Budinich (MB) - absent	Anne Lander (AL) - present
Councilman Blackinton - present	

GREEN TEAM/Sustainable Jersey

Community Garden: Peter drew a sketch (sent with Agenda) The DPW superintendent said there is a water line from the hut, but it hits a foundation where the garden will be. Mayor and Council and attorney are both in favor of the garden. Old Tappan has a hold harmless form. Mary Ann asked about compost. We will provide the initial dirt. HP Stir wants to sponsor a plot. Peter suggested having an online diary.

Humus sales total \$650/trees for Pondsides
(Weeping Willow, flowering tree, pink dogwood, 2 white birches)

Shred Day had 154 dropoffs.

SUEZ/Veolia/Teens for Tomorrow cleanup on 5/1. Suez (Now Veolia) is serious about the environment and appreciates that our EC is serious about stewardship. They supplied materials and refreshments for the cleanup

Dorotockey Run issue: Enclave senior living and the development near Northern Valley Old Tappan high school will both affect Dorotockey's Run. The Planning Board will ask Neglia engineering to ask for specifics.

Closter Road area rehab/additional tree near Livingston: Suez's landscaper cleared out the knot weed and did plantings. Peter will work with them and plant larger trees. We will also plant near the pumping station.

bee hives update: A third hive was added. We will get honeycomb on consignment. Peter did some planting.

244 Old Tappan Road update: The group resisting the development now has a lawyer. It also has a hydrologist and historian who are working pro bono. The next meeting is May 11. The group is also trying to buy the property with a grant and Open Space to create a nature center

The Girl Scout Christmas Tree is still at Cleatus Farms. It did not survive very well. Cleatus will find a similar tree and plant it at the library.

The May 25 Board of Adjustment meeting will include the sale of the repair station on Schraalenburgh. 76 Schraalenburgh is being expanded to the road and adding a third floor. Peter hoped someone would be able to attend. Questions: IS the soil being checked for pollutants, is the asphalt going to be pervious, are the trees by the bank building going to be protected? Is the runoff going to be stopped? Also, the trees near the repair shop need to be replaced with native trees. How many EV chargers will there be and of what level? Will it be a green roof and with what controls? Anne will try to go.

Peter will find out who is handling the application for Neglia.

Peter asked Anne to think of plantings for the street side of the Borough Hall.

Next cleanup: when & where—Maybe Lafayette? Pondsides near ballfields?

Theresa Hazelton's retirement from the Commission: Many thanks to Theresa. You will be missed!

There was no public. Theresa moved to adjourn, second Anne. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm. The next meeting is June 1.