



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Thurs. March 24, 2022 from 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Adequate notice given to the public

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE Linda BECK (Chairperson), Bill HASKINS**, Robert ORGERA*, Larry HIRSCH*, Andy STONE, Olivia LEWIS-CHANG (OLC)***, David KRAIKER*, Fred SMITH, Georgia MADIBA, Walter CLARKE***, Joe FOLIGNO*, Matthew PEYTON.

*=Commissioner, **=Trustee, ***=Alternate, +=DPW

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2022 MINUTES - APPROVED (pending two attendee corrections.)

1. POLICY UPDATES -

(Next SO Board of Trustees meeting: March 28th) Leaf Blower Ordinance is up for approval. Attend and voice your opinion.

2. BOT/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE - (Foligno/Haskins)

Tree crew working on ash trees. Removed 17 trees this past month.

Newly remodelled DPW facility: recycling bins moved around and improved. Worth a visit. Electronics recycling on Mar 26th.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - crickets.

4. UPDATES ON NEW and CURRENT PROJECTS, ISSUES, etc.

- **Founders Park Conservancy. (Kraiker)** FPC asked that the posted RFP for landscape architect be rescinded due to inconsistencies. · Sapling from NJ Salem Oak Tree to be planted in Founders Park for Arbour Day Ceremony.
- **Meadowland Park Conservancy. (Beck)** Pursuit of a Gold Star Garden.
- **Farrell Field Conservancy.** New bench installed recently.
- **School District & ANJEC. (Madiba)**
 - Creating video (food and the environment).
 - Construction at Annex yields some environmental initiatives opportunities.
 - Georgia M. announces that she was hired by ANJEC.
 - Olivia L-C asks about ANJEC grants.
- **Shade Tree Committee. (Kraiker)**

- SHU will purchase *Tree Canopy* to use with the *Tree Plotter* software.
- Neighbourhood shapefiles created for use in software.
- STC mapping trees around town for Spring planting.
- Kraiker and Jessica Miller working with Jespy House to have them participate in tree mapping.
- Linda and OLC met with Seton Village neighbours and developers for a walk-through of Irvington Ave site. They will urge developers to care for street trees, and diversify the species, but would like to get in writing.
- **Waste Nothing Group. (Haskins)** Zeroing in on the RFPs for recycling. 2 RFPs -> one for processing, and one for hauling. Will be creating the processing RFP first to incorporate info into the hauling RFP.
- **River Greenway.**
 - Charette for Cameron Tennis Courts was held this week. Admin looking for consulting service for the project. Construction bid potentially going out soon.
 - Andy Stone mentions that Julia Flath is taking the lead on a bike parade on/near greenway to call attention to new section.
- **Solar.** No new light to shed on the subject.
- **Rain Garden. (Stone)** Mar 31st deadlines for grant for rain garden from American Water. Rain garden would be near middle school.
- **River Day. (Clarke)** Gives historic overview of festival. Preparations underway for May 1st event (11am - 3 pm). Need buckets at event NOT plastic trash bags.
- **Public Comment/Question :** Matt Peyton asked about the leaf blower issue. Response: BOT meeting will be in-person on Monday. Mr. Peyton will rally supporters.

5. COMMUNICATIONS (Clarke)

FB: 873 followers; IG: 330 followers; Blog views: visitors 98, views 250. Goal is to increase social media, news media and Gaslight placements. Attempt to generate more content including tree-centric info, noteworthy trees, River Day promotion. Requests that we "like" social media pages, and subscribe to blog.

6. WORK DAYS (Beck)

- Usually Sundays from 9 -11 am for anyone who wants to participate. (Linda maintains email list announcing venue.)
- Kraiker will coordinate Shade Tree outings on weekends going forward into warm months.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE – 04/28/22 - 7:30 pm

8. ADJOURNMENT