



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Via Village Webex Link:
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Thurs. May 26th, 2022 from 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Adequate notice given to the public

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

Barbara BOUR*

Bill HASKINS**

David KRAIKER*

Karen HILTON**

Larry HIRSH*

Linda BECK* (Chairperson)

Lorraine GRAVES*

Olivia LEWIS CHANG*

Rob ORGERA*

Walter CLARKE*

Public: Andy Stone, Jennie Aylward, Jessica Miller, Julia Flath, Michael Parlapiano,

*=Commissioner, **=Trustee, ***=Alternate

APPROVAL OF April 2022 MINUTES - APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENTS -

Jessica says that all NJ State Park entry fees are waived this summer.

1. BOT/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE -

(Haskins/Hilton) No Joe Foligno present, but he did give Bill an update. Took down 9 trees this month. DPW yard signage due next week. Back pack blowers are set to go. Tree planting is happening now. No questions on their end. Flower planting is up and running. Linda asked if they are native flowers, no answer yet. Jessica stresses gator bags necessary for trees. Temps at 100 degrees next week.

Bill Haskins: In dialogue with Mike Candarella re: unhappy tree recipients. Things have smoothed out.

Recycling RFP-responses back for processing and marketing. Hauling RFP being prepared for release shortly.

Energy Aggregation- The world energy market is very volatile and a new contract is not viable at this point. We may slip back into PSE&G default rate and less renewable energy.

2. POLICY UPDATES

Leaf Blower ordinance: Start pushed to May 15th. All landscapers on the Maplewood list were contacted.

A postcard was suggested to hand to neighbors in violation. Learning curve so far addressed politely.

Academy Heights meeting voted not to do a door-to-door but DK thinks a card would be good to handout to new home owners but students are problematic.

Planning Board Update

DK states Squier house property special meeting on June 15th regarding plan for replanting of trees.

Church Street property – 8 townhouses proposed.

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

Andy Stone- Greenway and Bike Parade. 70 + people attended. Many young families attended.

Julia Flath – people enjoyed bike decorating and there are leftover supplies.

LB – new people not just the regular Green Team families. It was a jolly affair

WC: River day was a success.

Tree Planting: BB- NJTF will start tomorrow. NJTF needs a commitment by January to get an April spot for planting. Watering will be critical as a hot summer is predicted.

Jessica- NJTF put water bags on the trees that were waiting unplanted.

Consensus on the usefulness of Tidy Cat jugs.

Michael Martini did review the grant trees. We are awaiting his report. BB encourages grant trees be checked by volunteers. Have Rich and Tom investigate the health of the grant trees.

LB: Chyzowych field trees need some attention.

LB: Village Solar – not on schedule for meeting yet.

SOMS clean Up: Jennie Aylward – kids got more than 10 buckets of trash. Trash collection is a good entry point for activism.

Shade Tree Mission Statement Review: LB reads the framework document that DK shared.

A couple of suggestions, group agrees to move this to the Board of Trustees.

4. COMMUNICATIONS - Walter & Linda

FB: 897, IG: 367_

5. WORK DAYS - Most Sundays, 9:00 am - 11:00 pm. LB requests help planting natives from Great Swamp at the Buy Rite location.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE – 4th Thursday in June (23rd) - 7:30 pm

7. ADJOURNMENT at 8:29 (sound of several gasps and a Mic dropping)