



SOUTH ORANGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, October 21st, 2021 – 7:30 PM (Virtual WebEx Meeting) *Adequate notice given to public.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 16th, 2021

3. LEAD IN SOUTH ORANGE - presentation and Q&A

- Alexander "Lex" van Geen, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. BOT/PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE - (Haskins)

5. POLICY UPDATES (Next BOT meeting: October 25th)

- Leaf Blower Ordinance - FAQ and public forum being finalized and scheduled

6. UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECTS

- Farrell Field Park Conservancy update
- Trees
 - Brief fall tree planting
 - Founders Park Trees
- ZERO WASTE/MSW/Recycling
 - Brief =update
- CinemaLab/SOPAC - next meeting date
- ANJEC Award! - SOEC Eco-Guide

7. COMMUNICATIONS - Walter & Linda

- FB: 831 (up from 813) followers, IG: 288 (up from 272) followers
- SO Many Leaves postcard - Number 4 in engagement after Repair Café, Permeable Surface, and River Day
- **APPROVAL of Outgoing SOEC Releases and Letters**
 - Media Press Release - Trees
 - Village Blast - Reusable Take Out Container Survey
 - Rec Letter in support of continuing successful organic field treatment program to Cameron Field in Meadowland Park
 - Any additional letters or releases to approve?

8. WORK DAYS - Most Sundays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

- This Sunday work crew collaboration - Ethical Culture Society at Meadowland Park. Cardboard invasive suppression, seeding with oat seeds and native seeds
- SHU Crew/Amanda Cavanagh - Gator Bag Removal, etc.
 - 11/7 – 10:00am-12:00pm



- 11/14 – 10:00am-12:00pm

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Concern about the potential of future artificial turf efforts on any fields in South Orange
- PSE&G lines - can they be moved underground anytime there is a repair or new development in order to allow for larger shade trees? Is this a realistic ask?
- Meadowland Park Conservancy 1st Anniversary event/SOEC/SO Arts & Rec Collaboration - speaker, music, food, drink, and native gardening around Skate House
- ANJEC Conference

10. NEXT MEETING DATE - 11/18/21 - 7:00 pm (should we change to 7:30 pm?)

11. ADJOURNMENT