

Com. Lejda	X	
Com. Mazza		X
Com. Nicholl	X	
Alt. 1 Casagrande		
Alt. 2 Paraskevas		

Peepers Walk- April 3, 2015 –cancelled due to weather. Rescheduled for Friday, April 10th with a rain date of Saturday, April 11th.

Earth Day- April 25, 2015- behind Lillian Dr. School at 11am-V. Chair Ledja ordered trees and goodies. She also has supplies from last year’s Earth Day that was cancelled. There will be a Nature Walk and a cleanup. Com. Dente- we should break up into groups. He has garbage bags to distribute to each group.

Eagle Scout Project updates- No Eagle scout attended the meeting. Committeewoman Kiley said she spoke to Dennis Pino, Hazlet’s Business Administrator, regarding the Eagle Scout projects. Mr. Pino told her that some work (i.e. Pipes) shouldn’t be done in the park unless the township engineers are consulted. He said there is some money allotted for bridges etc. Scouts need to work with the town. He will talk to DPW and get them involved in the work to be done in the park.

2015 Events Calendar – review/update-

CALENDAR:

Peeper Walk –April 10, 2105 @ 7:30-for details contact Barbara @732 264-8630

Earth Day-Walk - (behind Lillian Dr. School) April 25 @ 11am

Clean up @ Stone Road May 9-10am - meet at U.B. soccer fields R.D. 5/16/15

Spring Nature Walk in Natco Park – May 9-11am (combined with Clean up)
R.D.5/16/15

Memorial Day Service @ Veterans Park May 25 - 10am

Hazlet Day @ Veterans Park –Sept. 19- 11am

Clean up at Natco Park (behind the Gramarcy) date TBD. Combine with the Fall Nature Walk in Natco Park- behind the Gramercy (Lakeside) Nov. 14-10am

Holiday Tree Decoration in Natco Park-Dec. 20 @ 2pm-rain date 12/27 behind Lillian Dr. School

Update on Natco Park Trail Grant

Committeewoman Kiley –she was misinformed, no new paperwork was submitted. Com. Geer stated he has a copy of the October 2014 CME letter that was supposed to be submitted. Comm. Kiley said if this is a good document the HEC should send it on. Chairman Cullen stated that the HEC sent a Letter of Support for the trail grant to the Township Committee in October 2014. Comm. Kiley said she would follow up and find out what happened.

Hazlet Day projects –September 19, 2015

Chair. Cullen-suggested reusable lunch bags kids could draw on and plastic sandwich containers.

Stone Rd. Meadows-Com. Geer prepared and distributed the letter requesting the support of the Hazlet Township Committee in the designation of the Stone Rd. Meadows property as a county park. He asked if the HEC should approve it “as is” or would we like to change anything. Chair. Cullen stated we already approved the letter and suggested the commissioners sign his letter and send it to the Township Committee. Comm. Kiley stated that she has already informed the committee that the letter is being forwarded to them. She said she received positive responses. The letter and a packet, put together by Com. Geer is being sent to the Township Committee.

Road from Holmdel Rd. to Bedle Rd. – Com. Bucci-

Com. Bucci would like to revisit his proposal to construct a road from Holmdel Rd to Bedle Rd. He feels it will reduce traffic on Bethany Rd. and save 2 to 3 miles of driving.

UPDATES:

Natco Sub-Committee –Com. Lejda, Com. Dente

Com. Dente-had the help of a shared service with Union Beach DPW to put up an Osprey nest and fix another in Union Beach side of Natco Lake. The vernal pool is full. Since there are no rangers to keep an eye on Natco Park he would like to look into getting something like an ID. Badge that the HEC commissioners use to identify them as stewards of the park when we are in Natco Park. Comm. Kiley said she thinks it is a good idea. Com. Dente should speak to Dennis Pino.

Land Use Board – Com. Nicholl

Com. Nicholl-we are amending the lot coverage ordinance from 25% to 30 or 35% of the square footage depending on whether the area is pervious or impervious.

The updated ordinance has not passed yet. Com. Nicholl said he will ask Sharon Keegan for a copy of the newly amended ordinance.

Com. Bucci stated that he feels there is no excuse for not putting sidewalks on new buildings on the highways and secondary roadways. It is unsafe for people that walk along these areas. Com. Nicholl said the HEC should write up their concerns and take it to Sharon Keegan or Dennis Pino. He will also check to see if there is an ordinance regarding the sidewalks. Com. Bucci also said there should be an ordinance to link store parking lots so that people don't have to walk along the highways and cars don't have to go in and out of parking lots. Comm. Kiley said she will bring this issue to the Township Committee. We explained how we chose a property.

Open Space Advisory Council-Com. Bucci

Com. Bucci – had excellent meeting. We introduced Comm. Kiley to some of our projects that we have not had support for. For example: a parking lot on Middle Rd. as an entrance to Natco Park and Thorne's Creek property. We explained how we chose a property we would like to pursue. We rated every available property in town. We use this rating to make a list of potential properties to purchase. Com. Bucci said we are an advisory committee and the last properties we wanted to purchase were turned down by the Township Committee. He said we need guidance from the committee so we can better choose the appropriate properties. Chair. Cullen asked about the Phlager property. Com. Bucci said that we closed on that a long time ago but we have not been reimbursed yet.

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Com. Geer

Com. Geer –Saturday, April 11 there is a cleanup at meet at 850 Front St. in Union Beach from 10am – 12pm. There are a couple of projects going on; one is putting markers on the piers in Keyport to check the sea levels. Horse shoe crab tagging training session on April 20 at 7pm at the Spy House in Port Monmouth. See restoreourbay.org for schedules of clean ups and other events.

Recreation –

Comm. Kiley-Pool club- pools being resurfaced. Easter Egg Hunt was a big success. They are preparing for camp, hiring counselors. Pool Club is hiring life guards, also bids are in for the concession stand.

Hazlet Township website update –

Facebook update- V. Chair. Bucci

Com. Bucci will update facebook with event calendar updates.

OLD BUSINESS:

2015 Budget

ANJAC dues – \$360.00

Earth Day –

Memorial Day -

Hazlet Day –

Holiday Tree Decoration-

Citizen Hearing:

Bill Shewan- 20 Mason Dr., Hazlet

Mr. Shewan stated that he attended this meeting because he thought Claire Vetta was coming tonight. She didn't attend. He said she created the Hazlet Environmental Commission and she created the movement for Natco Park. She also got Mr. Shewan involved with the HEC. He stated that the minutes and agendas should be posted in a timely manner. Some citizens cannot attend meetings but would like to know what is going on. Maybe we will have more people attend if they know what topics will be discussed.

Hazlet Pool and Tennis Club Open House on May 16, 2015 - 1pm – 4pm. There will be refreshments and tours.

Stone Rd. Meadows – He was glad we were discussing this property. He said this is a “magnet” property; it could attract other businesses or housing. A County Park is an attraction for local people but not for the State. Mr. Shewan doesn't think the town can afford it. We need the support of the surrounding towns.

Mr. Shewan stated that he couldn't hear what was going on during the meeting. He suggested the commissioners talk into the microphones.

Mr. Shewan asked where exactly the Osprey nests are. Com. Dente said go to the lot on Dock and Front Sts. one is on the beach to the left. The other nest is on Jersey St. toward the IFF right behind the bridge.

Mr. Shewan stated the change of property coverage is a good move and it falls into place with the requirements for low interest loans.

Regarding Com. Bucci's idea to construct a road from Holmdel Rd. and Bedle Rd. Mr. Shewan said there is a stream that runs underground in that area. When CVS was built part of the stream was brought to the surface.

