

Hazlet Township Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 04-02-2012

Meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Chairwoman Mazza

Salute to the flag and moment of silent reflection

CHAIRWOMAN'S STATEMENT: Read by Com. Pease

Roll Call:	Present	Absent
Com. Bucci	X	
Com. Cavanagh	X	
Com.Dahlgren		X
Vice Chair. Lejda		X(sick)
Chairwoman Mazza	X	
Com. Pease	X	

Com. Shewan X

Alt. 1 Geer X

Township Comm. Liaison Aagre X

Township Comm. Liaison Brady X

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 13, 2012

OFFERED: Com. Cavanagh

2nd : Com. Pease

Roll Call: Yes No Abstain Absent

Com. Bucci X

Com. Cavanagh X

Com. Dahlgren X

Vice Chair Lejda X

Com. Pease X

Chairwoman Mazza X

Com. Shewan X

Alt. 1 Geer X

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2012

OFFERED: Com. Pease 2nd : Com. Bucci

Roll Call: Yes No Abstain Absent

Com. Bucci X

Com. Cavanagh	X	
Com. Dahlgren		X
Vice Chair Lejda		X
Com. Pease	X	
Chairwoman Mazza	X	
Com. Shewan	X	
Alt. 1 Geer	X	

New Business:

Natco Park Remediation Sub-Committee Activities – Chair Mazza, Com. Shewan

Chair Mazza received a pre-construction map of Natco Park from Twp. Engineer, Dennis Dayback from T & M Assoc. She stated that the sub-committee consisting of Brian Valentino, Scott Aagre, Jim Brady, Dennis Dayback, Bill Shewan and herself met on March 26, 2012 to discuss the remediation of Natco Park. She asked Com. Shewan to speak about their meeting and discuss the pre-construction map. Com.

Shewan stated that the purpose of the meeting was to come up with a program to remediate this, not to question what happened and why it happened. The Township has a deadline of April 12, 2012 to file a plan to the DEP and Monmouth County Soil. The Township must correct the Bart Place road. This is not debatable, it should not exist, it should have never been put in in the first place. We have not seen the final plan yet. They are putting it together. Com. Shewan stated that Brian Valentino said that according to the DEP regulations any walking path in Natco Park cannot be more than 6 ft. wide. The DEP would have to issue a permit for anything wider. Com. Shewan explained that there must be access to the sewer lines that have been there before Natco was a park, for emergencies. A temporary path made of rubber matting was recommended to get large vehicles to the manholes. This temporary path would start at Raritan H.S. and go through toward Helen Lane. Chair Mazza said that you need to get a large vehicle a certain length into the park and then be able to turn around. Then a small piece of equipment and cameras can continue into the park. That easement has always been there, even before Natco was a park. Com. Shewan said the road on Bart Lane will be cleaned up and eliminated. He suggests planting trees to speed up the process to bring the area "Back to Woods". The trees would be native species to the park. He said that we suggested soil boring and test samples be taken. He said he would be very insistent on this due to leaching that could have occurred. He said we also asked for Ariel photos of the area even though the trees will be in full bloom at this time. Several residents attended and were given a chance to ask questions. Some questions were not able to be answered since the Township has not finished their plan that will be given to DEP for approval. Com. Shewan wanted to make clear that the road bed, all 2600ft. everything will be removed and replaced with what should have been put down. Com. Geer stated that the road is 3100ft. long.

Chair Mazza summarized that the Township has not completed their plan yet. It is due to the DEP on April 12, 2012. The plan has to suit the DEP. So depending upon what is in the plan and as far as we understand the inappropriate fill will be removed and Bart Pl. is going to be remediated back to a walking path and the water (creeks) will be restored to the way they were before. We will bring to their (Township) attention the cut through that runs parallel to Union Ave. That was not mentioned but they should be aware of it. The Township was very clear that we are in a partnership, the HEC and the Township Committee.

Chair Mazza stated that these are the questions for the next sub-committee meeting:

Confirm where funding is coming from 2. Will borings be done or not 3. Inform the twp. committee that the Bart Pl walking path veers off to the right, it does not follow the Bart Pl sewer access road 4.

Insist that trees native to Natco replace those that were removed 5. Remediate Bart Pl through to Helen Ln.

Pur-Gen Status-Com Geer requested that the HEC resend the resolution he had written to the Township Committee. The Twp. Committee tabled the resolution after a committee member stated that it's not in our town.

MOTION: To approve Resending the Pur-Gen Resolution to the Township Committee

OFFERED Com. Geer 2nd: Com. Shewan

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Com. Bucci	X			
Com. Cavanagh	X			
Com. Dahlgren				X
Vice Chair Lejda				X

Com. Pease X

Chairwoman Mazza X

Com. Shewan X

Alt. 1 Geer X

Com. Shewan suggested that the HEC send a representative to the Township Committee meetings whenever something is sent to them for approval or passing.

NOAA's Howard Marine Lab and Marine Mammal Funding-

Com. Geer stated that there is a move to close this facility. He said the Township should file a petition or write a resolution against closing. He said the facility is already paid for and people would lose their jobs. Com. Cavanagh said it was a good idea to write a letter. Chair Mazza asked Com. Geer to get more information and write a letter.

Lyme Disease Lecture Night- April 26 7-9 @ Holmdel H.S. Auditorium – 36 Crawfords Corner Rd. – Chair Mazza strongly suggests going to this lecture. Representatives from Tick Bite Prevention and Mosquito Control Commission will give important information and they can tell you if a bite is positive.

Citizens concern regarding area surrounding HYAL Football Field

Nancy Ingravido attended the Open Space meeting and the Twp. Committee meeting and is working with Mayor Tinker and Committeeman Brady and the HYAL to address her concerns.

UPDATES:

Natco Sub-Committee – Com. Lejda

Trail Grant and X-Counrty Course-Com. Geer had questions about the x-country course proposed in Natco Park. Chair Mazza stated that the course is proposed by a citizen, the Township Committee is just listening to the proposal. She stated that the ordinance states that Natco Park is for passive and active recreation. The trails can be cleaned up and improved without paving. There is no planning yet for the trail grant money. The trails width is still in dispute. Also discussed : trail width in Natco Park. Com. Shewan stated that Brian Valentino said the DEP regulations state 6ft. width. Comm. Brady stated that we need to have 8ft width to accommodate emergency vehicles. Chair Mazza stated that we need to have a meeting with Dennis Dayback, Twp. Engineer, to discuss this matter.

V.C. Lejda did not attend the meeting due to illness. Com. Pease reported that V.C. Lejda will walk the blue trail in Natco with Boy Scout Nick Farro in preparation for his Eagle Scout Project to remap this trail. Also Com. Pease reported that V.C. Lejda sent \$241.00 on Earth Day supplies. The Earth Day celebration is April 14, rain date April 28 behind Lillian Dr School @11am.

Planning Board – Com. Shewan

Office building of Dr. Ali on Pool Ave.(near Red Oak Diner) The plans were approved, no environmental issues. Rt 36 property near Laural Ave. asked for a site plan waiver which was denied. Academy Bus Co. is expanding the parking lot and taking down a building and putting up a ticket booth. No environmental

issues. Com. Bucci is concerned about the traffic around the jughandle @ Middle Rd. Coming up: Costco. Com. Shewan does not want to get into this issue yet.

Zoning Board – Township Comm. Liaison Brady

Comm Brady said The Park East application was approved. They would like to expand the parking lot. Com. Bucci discussed his proposal for a short cut to get to the Home Depot/Sports Authority. Chair Mazza asked Com. Bucci what can the commission do? Com. Bucci would like the HEC to support his proposal for environmental and safety reasons. Chair Mazza asked him to continue this topic at our next meeting. She asked Com. Bucci to bring back a letter supporting the proposal.

Open Space Advisory Council- Com. Bucci, Com Cavanagh

Proposed entrance to Natco Park – 387 Middle Rd. –Com. Bucci stated this property maybe available and would make a nice parking lot for the park. Also, 440 Middle Rd maybe available for purchase. Com. Geer stated that the Open Space Commission should push for 44 acres on the south side of IFF, but Com. Bucci stated that he discussed the property adjacent to IFF with the CEO and their attorney and they are not interested in selling/donating the property. They consider it a buffer zone.

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council – Com. Geer

Com. Geer stated that the council discussed 1. Horseshoe crab tagging dates 5/6, 5/20, 6/4 Training is on April 26 @7pm. 2. Seining Survey starting at Cliffwood Beach to Union Beach and Atlantic Highlands June 3, Sept. 23. 3. Hazlet’s Open Space Plan needs to be submitted and approved. 4. Clean up dates – 4/7 in Aberdeen 9/29 in Riverside Park, Matawan

Com. Shewan stated there is a free event @ Wilson Hall @ Monmouth University @ 6:30 pm on Ocean Stewardship with a panel discussion with Congressman Pallone and Monmouth U. President Gaffney.

Recreation – Twp. Com. Liaison Brady

Easter egg hunt is April 7th , Fireworks are planned for the July 4th celebration(check the website for exact dates and times) The park, which is undergoing construction, will be ready for the summer movies in the park. Com Shewan stated that the Hazlet Swim and Tennis club will be opening soon and there is still time to join. The club is accepting bids from local restaurants that are interested in running the concession stand.

Hazlet Township website update –Twp. Liaison Aagre

Facebook update – Com. Bucci

We Have 60+ friends – No Updates, the calendar was put up last month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Eagle Scout Projects – Nick Farro will be remapping the blue trail in Natco Park

Hazlet Happenings Due April 9th

State Strategic Plan: New Jersey's State Development and Redevelopment Plan –

Carry over

Holmdel Patch Blog- Chair Mazza said could not get on to the Blog.

2012BUDGET:

April 2012 – Earth Day supplies/trees \$241.00

2012 HEC Meeting Dates:

Dates are: Jan.9th , Feb. 6th , March 5th , April 2nd , May 7th, June 11th, July 2nd , Aug. 6th , Sept. 10th, Oct. 1st, Nov. 12th, Dec. 3rd, Jan. 7th ,2013.

June meeting was changed from the 4th to the 11th due to the Primary

2012 CALENDAR:

Spring Clean up – May 12, rain date May19 -10am at Stone Rd.

Memorial Day Service – May 28 10am at Veterans Park

Hazlet Day – Sept. 29 at Veterans Park

Fall Clean up - TBA

Holiday Tree Decoration – Dec. 1, rain date Dec. 2

Citizen Hearing:

Motion to close citizens hearing:

Offered – Com. 2nd - Com.

Voice Vote:

Motion to Adjourn:

Offered – Com. Pease 2nd – Com. Shewan

Voice Vote: Yes

Next Meeting: May 7, 2012 – 8PM