

budget is approved.

Goals for 2014-

Chair Cullen asked for suggestions for goals for the coming year:

V Chair Bucci - would like to utilize the HEC Facebook page posting meeting dates, events, cleanups and potential Eagle Scout projects.

Com. Geer – would like to keep development in Natco Park from happening. He was concerned about “active recreation” and ruining the natural trails.

Com. Pobega – we could make the trail grant smaller and use for trail markers and signage.

Com. Eng – explained, to the new members, the trail grants and previous problems HEC has had with the Town Engineers’ proposals. The town was awarded a \$200K matching grant but we don’t have to spend that much.

Alt. Com. Connelly – enjoys the natural beauty of the park, and would like it to stay that way.

V Chair Bucci – asked Mayor Dinardo if the grant can be modified to use it for a Trailhead and parking lot.

Mayor DiNardo said “no, it can’t be modified to that extent”. The grant is for restoration in the park. He would like the HEC to sit down with CME(town engineers) to discuss this grant.

V Chair Bucci – he is embarrassed that after so many years on the HEC and Open Space Council and we have no lot yet.

Mayor DiNardo – be careful what you wish for , more people more garbage.

V Chair Bucci – it could be nice with signage and information about the park and trails.

Com. Dente – the park is perfect, just needs signage and garbage cans.

Com Geer – the Lakeside(Gramecy), Lillian Dr. School, and the High School lots can be used.

Com. Pobega – consider the property behind the gas station on Middle Road.

Com. Dente – concerned about vandalism.

Alt. Com. Connelly – park has always been used for parting.

Mayor DiNardo – The HEC should walk through the park and then sit down with CME.

Com. Pobega- the Natco Books are outdated, we need new ones.

Chair Cullen – we should keep it simple, leave the trails natural.

Radon Awareness Month –

NJDEP started this event in 2012. They offer seminars run by DEP representatives to discuss Radon. They provide freebie such as Radon test kits, pencils, informative material, etc. Com. Eng said she would get more information.

CALENDAR:

Clean up @ Natco Park (Lakeside Entrance) Feb. 22, Rain date –Feb. 23 @ 10am

Peeper Walk –April 12-for details contact Barbara @732 264-8630

Earth Day-April 26-(behind Lillian Dr. School) Time-TBA

Clean up @ Stone Road May 10, Rain date May 11 – 10am - meet at U.B. soccer fields

Spring Nature Walk in Natco Park - May 17

Memorial Day Service @ Veterans Park May - 10am

Hazlet Day @ Veterans Park Sept. 27 - 11am

Clean up @ Stone Road Oct. 25, rain date Oct. 26 10am -Meet at U.B. soccer fields

Fall Nature Walk in Natco Park- behind The Gramercy(Lakeside) Nov. 1, 10am

Environmental Commission Newsletter -

HEC wants to bring back the newsletter. Discussed topics, a time frame for the first publication, and how to distribute the newsletter.

Road Show –

Com. Pobega suggested having a Road Show ANJAC would send speakers on various topics. The Road Shows were very popular and we usually get a good turnout. Advertising and inviting Environmental Commissions from nearby towns is key to a successful show. We should start planning in February and send out “Save the Date” notices.

UPDATES:

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

Barbara reported that she spent \$203.00 on supplies for the Holiday Tree Decoration. She was very happy with the turn out. Two boy scout troops and one girl scout troop attended along with several residents.

Land Use Board – Com. Pobega

Combined Planning and Zoning Boards _ Reorg meeting on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014

Costco wants to sub-divide a back lot in order to possibly sell it in the future

Open Space Advisory Council- V. Chair. Bucci

No update

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Com. Geer

Reorg meeting on Jan. 9 at Keyport Town Hall. Dec. 12 meeting discussed osprey nests, and schedules for 2014 seining and horse shoe crab tagging.

Recreation –

Reorg meeting, Jan. 9

Hazlet Township website update –

Facebook update- V. Chair. Bucci

OLD BUSINESS:

Eagle scout Projects –

Chris Langill discussed his proposed project but he has not been back to update the HEC. Com. Geer said he e- mailed Chris with no response.

Hazlet/Holmdel Patch –

A good venue to advertise events, road show, etc.

2013 Budget:

ANJAC Dues: \$350.00

Earth Day Supplies: \$480.00

Hazlet Day Supplies: \$500.00

Holiday Tree Decoration: \$203.00

Citizen Hearing:

Margret Casagrande– Agreed with the HEC’s discussion on only minor changes to Natco Park trails and she also thought doing more cleanups is a great idea. She stated that there is a lot of litter near sensitive waterways in her neighborhood (former West Keansburg section). Margret suggested Recycling as good topic for the newsletter. This would interest kids that might be curious about “where does it all go.”

Motion to close citizens hearing:

Offered –Com. Pobega

2nd- Com. Eng

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to Adjourn:

Offered – 2nd –

Voice Vote: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:40

Next Meeting: February 3, 2014 – 8PM