

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

Discuss Environmental Bldg. on Middle Rd.

Discussed under “Entrance to Natco Park”

MAST signage project

Chair Cullen was contacted by Miss Green, teacher at MAST. They discussed having her entire sophomore class GPS everything in Natco Park, E.g. trails and trees and making a new map. Each group will have a project. They will do whatever we need them to do. We will have potentially 75 people working on these projects.

Entrance to Natco Park

Com. Bucci- read a statement from Open Space Advisory Committees written by Chairman Pobega and Vice Chairwoman Eng. The Open Space Advisory Committee had an emergency meeting in late June to discuss and vote on the property at 409 Middle Rd, Hazlet also referred to as Dallas Ct..

The property has been put up on the open market. This property has been on the OSAC’s wish list since 2007. It was last available for purchase in 2014 but was put on the back burner when the seller stated he had no interest in selling to the township. At the June 22, 2015 a vote in favor of this acquisition unanimously passed and their recommendation to acquire it was received very favorably by the Township Committee.

This property backs up to Natco Park and would be a great place for a dedicated parking lot for this conservation area.

This acquisition will directly remove further development from an already busy thorough fare on Middle Rd. Additionally, since the property is located in an AE Zone, this acquisition will also give us credit points towards our town’s FEMA/NFIP Community System Rating status.

We are pleased that the Township Committee has moved forward quickly to pursue this property. We look forward to working together with the HEC to preserve, protect and restore this undeveloped floodplain land.

Comm. Aagre – we are in discussion with the attorney and listing agent. The owner doesn’t want to sell to the Township. A copy of a conceptual plan was distributed by Comm. Aagre.

Hazlet Day projects

Com. Ledja- we have bottles from last year and she ordered bags. She may order more bottles.

Status of HEC request to the Township Committee for a resolution in support of acquisition of Stone Rd. Meadows as a County Park- Com. Geer

Com. Geer – Asked Comm. Aagre the status of the letter that HEC gave to Comm. Kiley. Comm. Aagre said he didn't see it. Com. Geer – Parks are attractive to people, ratable aren't necessarily good for the economy. Comm. Aagre- several times we have tried to work with the owners of Stone Rd. Meadows and adjacent properties to redevelop this property. He said Lillian Burry and the County Parks people turned us down. He said the 2030 Plan has this property as mixed use. He said he will ask the Township Committee to re-do the letter and send it to the County.

Com. Geer asked Comm. Aagre how the Economic Development Committee was set up.

Comm. Aagre – 2 committee members, 1 large business person and 1 small business person. It is set up similar to the Township Committee executive session. They will work with businesses in town to solve problems.

Com. Geer stated that the Independent newspaper's Letter to the Editor written by Charlie Hoffman talked about the letter the HEC sent to the Township Committee.

Trail Grant update-

Comm. Aagre stated that the revised grant was approved and they are moving forward. They will start with Bart Place.

.CALENDAR:

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 Gramarcy (Lakeside) Nov. 14-10am

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

UPDATES:

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

Com. Dente- asked Comm. Aagre if the commissioners could get badges to identify them as stewards of Natco Park. It would let people know that someone is

watching and maybe avoid vandalism in the park.

Land Use Board – Com. Nicholl

Com. Nicholl- no meeting last month.

Open Space Advisory Council-Com. Bucci

Com. Bucci –discussed under “Entrance to Natco” above

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Com. Geer

Com. Geer –missed the last meeting. They finished horseshoe tagging and seining. Updated clean ups are on the website.

Recreation –

No update

Hazlet Township website update –

Facebook update- Com. Bucci

Com. Bucci-This idea was put on Facebook to get feedback. One person reacted negatively and said he would call the police over this matter. Comm. Aagre-Township Committee actually got a few comments on this. People asked “why is the HEC worried about a traffic light?” Com. Bucci – it came about to save 3 mile trek. It is a strain on the environment to have to a longer travel time. Com. Dente – not really an HEC concern.

Com. Bucci-Comm. Kiley asked Chair. Cullen to remove this from Facebook. He asked who should be telling us to remove it. He asked for a vote on presenting this idea to the Township Committee from the HEC . The informal poll results were: 4 voted yes and 2 had reservations.

Com. Nichol-There are 2 important questions to ask. 1. What is appropriate/inappropriate for us to post on Facebook and the reasons for that. 2. If we are asked to remove a post who should that request come from?

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 commented – He said it is good news about the entrance for Natco Park. He said the HEC has worked hard to achieve this goal. He said he is concerned about the trail grant requiring some trails to be 10/15 wide trails. He said it is still in the grant for trails that are not part of the sewer roads. Comm. Aagre said he would check this. Mr. Shewan asked about the appraisal for the middle Rd. property that the town is trying to purchase. Comm. Aagre said we won't pay more than the appraised amount.

Motion to close citizens hearing:

Offered – Com. Bucci

2nd - Com. Dente

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to Adjourn:

Offered – Com. Bucci

2nd – Com.

Voice Vote: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 (approx.)

Next Meeting: August 3, 2015 – 7:30PM