

**HAZLET ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2014
MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order at 8:06 p.m. by Chairman Cullen
Salute to the flag and moment of silent reflection**

CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT: Read by Chairman Geer

Roll Call:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
V. Com. Bucci		X
Chairman Cullen	X	
Com. Dente	X	
Com. Eng		X
Com. Geer	X	
Com. Ledja	X	
Com. Pobega		X
Alt. 1 Connelly		X
Alt. 2 Paraskevas		X
Township Comm. Liaison DiNardo		X
Township Comm. Liaison Belasco		X

New Business:

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Carried over to July Meeting

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2014

OFFERED 2nd:

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci				
Chairman Cullen				
Com. Dente				
Com. Eng				
Com. Geer				
Com. Ledja				
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Natco Park Signage –

Chair. Cullen – the trail grant can be used for signage, we don't need the full matching grant. Com. Geer – The HEC was not involved in that grant. Chair. Cullen - Some parks have bar codes to scan with a smart phone. Com. Dente -We don't have a park ranger like some parks. Vandalism is an issue.

Hazlet Day – plastic bottles/shopping bags/composters –

Com. Dente – would like to get sponsors to purchase” give- away” for Hazlet Day. He has been in contact with a representative from IFF and he feels that they will donate for environmentally friendly water bottles. He will contact Shop Rite to ask for reusable bags. Com. Ledja – She can purchase bags if we need them. In previous years, Sue and Ray Dubey brought us a tent and tables.

Letter for Hazlet Happenings –

Chair Cullen – we should discuss Hazlet Day and plastic bottles.

Publicity for Events –

Com. Geer – use resources like The Independent newspaper, The Holmdel/Hazlet Patch. Com. Ledja suggested distributing flyers to the Hazlet Library and the Hazlet Recreation Center.

Natco Park – Under Hazlet Environmental Commission or Recreation Commission-

At the request of the HEC the Hazlet Recreation Commissions' Chairman attended to clear up the confusion regarding the stewardship of Natco Park.

Mike Christopher stated that the Recreation Commission will become the Recreation Department. Recreation has no desire to get involved with Natco Park. It has always been under the HEC and that is where it belongs.

UPDATES:

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

Com. Ledja – discussed trying to find a place to make environmentally friendly crafts for Earth Day, Christmas decorating in Natco Park, etc. We have nowhere to store supplies since the Environmental Building is not safe. The ceiling and roof need repair. The Hazlet Board of Ed owns the building; we rent it for \$1.00 per year. The HEC now share an office with Hazlet Drug Alliance and the Health Clinic. Com. Geer – we need somebody to go through the file cabinets and sort out

and organize the files. Com. Ledja – many Mountain Laurels are blooming in Natco Park right now. Chair Cullen – who do we contact to clean up the down trees? DPW?

Land Use Board – Mayor DiNardo

No Update

Open Space Advisory Council- V. Chair. Bucci

No Update

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Com. Geer

Com. Geer– The first two tagging’s yielded no live crabs. There are two more June 13 and June 27. The seining yesterday (June 8) had a good turnout. They collected lots of fish and horseshoe crabs.

Recreation –

No update

Hazlet Township website update –

No Update

Facebook update-V. Chair. Bucci

No Update

OLD BUSINESS:

2014 Budget

ANJAC dues – \$360.00

Earth Day – \$220.00

Memorial Day - \$30.00

Citizen Hearing:

Len Rappaport, Hazlet

Mr. Rappaport – he is a Public Relations expert who would like to assist the Environmental Commission with advertising their events and Natco park. He said Natco Park should be on the web site. Getting e mail addresses can get the word out to the citizens of Hazlet. Social media is another source of advertising. He expressed frustration with the overall look of the town. It seems run down in some areas. Mr. Rappaport gave out his business card to contact him with questions, etc.

Motion to close citizens hearing:

Offered –Com. Geer 2nd- Com. Ledja

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to Adjourn:

Offered – Com. Geer 2nd Com. Dente

Voice Vote: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Next Meeting: July 7, 2014 – 8PM