

meeting agenda.

Rain Garden – Depressions that hold water and become pretty and lush. Chair Mazza stated that rain gardens would be a good Eagle Scout Project. This topic will remain on the agenda.

Hazlet Day –Sept. 29, 2012 @ Veterans Park – 9am set up Com. Pease reported the following items have been or will be purchased: metal water bottles, cloth bags, brita water filters, Mums, scarecrows, 3 baskets(filled with kitchen and bathroom supplies)candy, wrought iron basket. Com. Pease stated that we only have the Natco Books to distribute, we need more environmental literature. Chair Mazza asked Com. Bucci to download information on the West Nile Virus for distribution. Com. Pease and Vice Chair Ledja will set up a schedule for raffles.

Fall Cleanup – Date set for Saturday, October 27 with a rain date Nov. 3 Natco Park, behind Lillian Dr. School @ 11am. Com. Bucci stated that sometimes the garbage is not picked up in a timely manner. Chair Mazza asked V. Chair Lejda to call DPW on the Monday or Tuesday after the cleanup to make sure the garbage bags are picked up.

UPDATES:

Natco Sub-Committee – Com. Lejda

V. Chair Ledja said she is very discouraged with the litter in Natco Park (behind Lillian Drive School). There is a lot of glass from broken bottles at the top of the hill along with empty drug packets and a broken TV. Chair Mazza has reached out to the Police Chief regarding additional police presence in that area.

Sewer Bill Reduction – Com. Geer was concerned with the reduction given the remediation that is necessary in the park. Com. Cavanagh and Chair Mazza stated that this is a Township Committee issue.

West Nile Virus – Com. Geer is concerned about gravel that is covering a creek area at the remediation site, causing standing water. Mosquito Patrol must be notified. Chair Mazza asked Mrs. Laudati to send her an e-mail regarding this area of Natco Park. Business Administrator, Brian Valentino stated that the Mosquito Commission will be called to spray.

Planning Board – Com. Mann

Com. Mann reported that the last meeting of the Planning Board discussed the Buhler and Bitter Dodge reconstruction and they were granted variances. Sidewalks will be installed along Rt. 35. The impervious surface will be decreased. Com. Mann will e-mail Chair Mazza if the Planning Board agenda for the next meeting includes dredging Thorne and Waackaack Creeks.

Zoning Board – Township Comm. Liaison Brady

Comm. Brady reported additions were discussed. No environmental issues were discussed.

Open Space Advisory Council- Com Cavanagh

Com. Cavanagh stated that there is a lot of action regarding possible properties that are available: in addition to 387 Middle Rd. there is one more potential property on Middle Road, one property

on Florence Ave. and a property by the train station. The Open Space inventory is being cleaned up. The Township Engineer found properties on the inventory that were too small to be considered.

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council – Com. Geer

Com. Geer stated that they discussed Clean Ocean Zone, areas of the ocean that need protection. Congressman Frank Pallone attend this meeting and discussed the difficulty of getting support in congress for ocean projects because so many other areas of the U.S.(Midwest) are not near the ocean. Sept. 16, 2012 – Seining Event starting at Cliffwood Beach through Union Beach to Atlantic Highlands. Seining identifies the sea life in the bay areas. Joe Reynolds is interested in a grant for the Monmouth County Park system to work with 5th grade classes in the county to do seining events. Ron Dente(Hazlet) attended and discussed the garbage barrels he is trying to put in Natco Park. He stated that Union Beach was cooperative but Hazlet has not.

Recreation – Twp. Com. Liaison Brady

Next meeting Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012. New director, Karen Theer has started training. Hazlet Day, Sept. 29, 2012. 911 Service on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012 @ Cullen Center, Veterans Park. 7:30pm.

Hazlet Township website update –Twp. Liaison Aagre

Beth will send updates for the website. Event dates and times, commissioner changes, correct errors on the Website. Chair Mazza asked Brian Valentino if the Health Officer should post information about the West Nile Virus.

Facebook update - Com. Bucci

Com. Bucci stated that he will post upcoming events: Hazlet Day, Fall cleanup, Holiday Tree Decoration. Com. Bucci will e-mail Chair Mazza to remind her to write a blurb about West Nile Virus.

OLD BUSINESS:

Eagle Scout Projects- No projects at this time.

Natco Park Remediation Sub-Committee Activities – Chair Mazza,

Chair Mazza said that in a statement that was read at the July Twp. Committee meeting regarding an update on the Remediation of Natco Park the Township Committee has “No Public Comment”. Brian Valentino stated that the Commissioner’s Office urged us to consider merging the Trail Grant with the Remediation. Chair Mazza asked what the time limit is for the trail grant. Mr. Valentino stated that he has never heard of a grant being revoked. He said the town can get an extension and we have a good reason for a delay in using the funds. Chair Mazza asked if they realize that the longer the stuff remains in the park the more damage is done. Mr. Valentino said we are trying to make progress but we take 1 step forward and 2 steps back. Some people do not want to make progress. There are many processes to go through. Survey marks that were put in the park were pulled up, now the process has to be redone. Chair Mazza is concerned that the clock is ticking on the trail grant. Com. Cavanagh said that we (HEC) need to decide what our position is on the trail grant. Com. Geer asked why the HEC was not invited to

the meeting with the State. Mr. Valentino there was no role for the HEC at the meeting. Com. Geer asked if the trail grant can be dropped since the Township applied for it not the HEC. Chair Mazza asked Com. Geer if him if he really wanted to drop \$250,000. Com. Geer said he is concerned about where the matching funds will come from. Mr. Valentino said it has not been decided where the funds will come from. Com. Geer stated that therer is a proposal for Natco Park to be Active Recreation. Chair Mazza said right now it is still passive recreation. Mr. Valentino stated that the trail grant says nothing other than passive recreation. Twp Comm. Brady stated that the trails must be widen so that the fire dept. can access the area in case of fire in the park. Tito Acevedo, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners stated that the park is part of the pine barrens and if the pine needles, leaves, etc were to go up this could be a nightmare. Right now we have pickup trucks that cannot get through. Chair Mazza asked if the pinebarrens down south have a way in. Mr. Acevedo said yes, there are trails in there and they have bigger trucks. Chair Mazza asked how wide do the trails need to be? Mr. Acevedo said the trails should be 8 – 10 ft. wide. Mr. Valentino said the HEC meet with the engineer and the widening was discussed and will be again when we get to the planning stages. Right now we are not there yet.

Hazlet Happenings – Com. Cavanagh wrote an article. Mr. Valentino stated that the Community Messenger newspaper is becoming a magazine. Hazlet Twp will be limited to 1 page of space in the magazine. Additional articles can be sent in and if space is available they will be published.

Holmdel-Hazlet Patch Blog-.Chair Mazza wrote an article.

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:

Hazlet Day – Sept. 29 at Veterans Park

Fall Clean up –Oct. 27 @ 11am behind Lillian Dr. School Rain date Nov. 3

Holiday Tree Decoration – Dec. 1, rain date Dec. 2 behind Lillian Dr. School

Citizen Hearing:

Patricia Laudati – 94 Bart Ln., Hazlet – Mrs. Laudati is concerned about a large quantity of gravel that is blocking a creek and causing ponding and an increase of mosquitoes.

Phil Laudati – 94 Bart Ln., Hazlet – Mr. Laudati asked if he could direct his question to Brian Valentino. Chair Mazza said yes, that is why he is here. Mr. Laudati asked why he was not

invited to the meeting (with the litigants)? Mr. Valentino stated that Mr. Laudati's lawyer was notified of the meeting and the meeting involved other litigants.

Bill Shewan 28 Mason Dr., Hazlet -

Regarding the trail grant, anything over 6ft. wide trails must have permits by the DEP. Also in addition to improving the existing trails the grant calls for the establishment of new trails that could be 11ft wide.

Mr. Shewan stated that he recently walked through Natco Park from Lillian Dr School to Bart Pl. He said there is no signage to keep people off the road except at the entrance. At Bart Place in addition to the standing water the mosquitoes were terrible and there was a horrible smell from rotting leaves.

Mr. Shewan said he felt that a HEC commissioner should invited to attend any meeting with the DEP that does not discuss litigation. Com. Cavanagh said the HEC is an advisory body and it is not the job of the HEC to get involved with litigation or any enforcement action towards the Township. Com Cavavnagh stated that the "wish list" could be part of an enforcement action. Mr. Valentino stated that he sent an e-mail to Chair Mazza with information about the meeting with the DEP. Com. Geer stated that the DEP said the township and the HEC should work together as a team. Mr. Shewan stated that the sub-committee that was formed included two members of the HEC. This sub-committee was to come up with a plan for remediation of Natco Park. None of the recommendations from the HEC members was sent to DEP. Mr. Shewan stated that as of this date there is no public record of any enforcement actions issued in Hazlet with regard to Natco Park, there are no permits filed. The records are hazy. Chair Mazza stated that we didn't get any information of substance on the remediation. Com. Mann stated that he feels the Township has been forthcoming. How many times can we hear him say he can't talk due to pending litigation? Mr. Shewan stressed that movement in this matter has not progressed in a timely manner. Chair Mazza stated that it has not progressed at all. She hopes that after litigation we will receive all of the information on the remediation of Natco Park.

In summary: Chair Mazza stated that she wishes that the HEC and the Township Committee can continue communicating on a high level and that the Twp. Committee will bring us in and keep us fully informed as soon as possible. She said if there is something we (HEC) should be doing now we would like to know. Don't come to us in six months and tell us there was something we could have been doing now. Com. Bucci commented he understands that we are an advisory committee in the 12 years he has been a member of the HEC we have always been treated with respect by the Township Committee and he hopes that will continue. Mr. Valentino said that all of the HEC's concerns are being heard by the Twp. Committee.

Motion to close citizens hearing:

Offered 2nd-

Voice Vote:

Motion to Adjourn:

Offered – Com. Pease 2nd –Com. Cavanagh

Voice Vote: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 10:22pm

Next Meeting: October 1, 2012 – 8PM