

**HAZLET ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order at 8:02 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:

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 4, 2014

OFFERED: Com. 2nd:Com.

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Com. Bucci			X	
Chairman Cullen				
Com. Dente				
Com. Eng				
Com. Geer				
Com. Ledja				
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Alt. 1 Connelly				
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Voice Vote: Yes

Natco Park Signage –

Chair. Cullen –This is our #1 goal for the year.

Mayor DiNardo asked Trevor, an engineer from CME, to attend the meeting to discuss the Trail Grant. Chair. Cullen asked Wendy Green, teacher from MAST, to attend to discuss the signage for Natco Park. Chair. Cullen-the HEC would like to know the status of the grant and what we can use it for. Last month we discussed the need for a well-defined entrance with a parking area, an entrance sign, posting trail markers so that people don't get lost and signs to highlight different points of interest. Mayor DiNardo- The trail grant cannot support a parking lot. It has been downgraded to signage, DPW cleaning the existing trails. We would like to keep Natco Park pristine. We have no manpower to open it up to the public. We can't maintain a parking lot. We need to keep out ATV's. We will put up barriers at entrances to keep them out. Natco Park is for real environmentalists, not for the general public to trash it. Chair. Cullen- Wendy brought samples of signage that could give visitors to the park information about plants and animals in the park. Mayor DiNardo- these signs are beautiful, what are they made of? We would like to use a GIS, using coordinates for use with cell phones. Trevor will speak about this later. Wendy- The signs are made of acrylic, steel posts and stand. Mayor DiNardo-sig need long as they are vandal proof. Chair. Cullen-maybe if more people were in the park they would scare away vandals. Mayor DiNardo-It's more of a maintenance issue, it puts more of a burden on DPW. Trevor-To unburden the DPW look into getting Trail clubs, local hikers, scout troops and Eagle scout projects etc. to help out with cleaning the park. The existing grant is only for importing materials and reestablishing the trails. This would require heavy equipment in the park. We would like to go back to the county and ask for the following:

- Clean up fallen trees in the park with the use of small equipment

- Install trail markers where needed

- Redefine the existing trails

- Install wood gates

- Create signage with a map at the entrance to the park with GIS coordinates

- Install identification signs in the park

Mayor DiNardo-We need a Letter of Support from HEC.

The Trail Grant is a 50/50 grant. Hazlet must match the amount that the County puts in. Chair. Cullen and Mayor DiNardo discussed designating an area for an entrance. Mayor DiNardo – we are working on fixing up all of our parks. We

can't do a parking lot at this time. Wendy would like the survey map for her students to work with CAD as a project for them. Mayor DiNardo-Wendy's signs are great. I will contact the Tax Assessor and pass information to Chair. Cullen to give to Wendy.

Final preparation for Hazlet Day –

300 Bottles and 150 bags are ready to go. Com. Lejda purchased Brita Pitchers and Mums for raffles. We will meet at 9am at Veterans Park. Plastic bottle pledge, sign up to get a “green” water bottle.

Township resolution to support a ban on fracking in New Jersey

Mayor DiNardo-Hazlet Township along with our neighboring towns has supported a ban on fracking.

Green Team – Com. Dente

Sharon Keegan from the Green Team would like a copy of the plastic water bottle pledge from Chair Cullen. This will help add points for the Town.

UPDATES:

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

Natco signage discussed above

Land Use Board –

Open Space Advisory Council- V. Chair. Bucci

Mayor DiNardo working on the Mahoras tract for conservation -14 acres
Trevor –Phlager Property- arsenic test was negative, pesticide test will be done next. Everything should be done by the end of the year.

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Com. Geer

No update

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

Hazlet Day -

Citizen Hearing:

NO CITIZENS SPOKE

Motion to close citizens hearing:

Offered –V. Chair. Bucci 2nd- Com. Chair. Cullen

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to Adjourn:

Offered –V. Chair. Bucci 2nd- Com. Dente

Voice Vote: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:04

Next Meeting: October 6, 2014 – 8PM