

The park will continue to have walking trails for passive recreation. Mr. Gidding stated that they will enhance the existing trails. They will not cut new trails in the park. Chair Geer stated that there can be no activity 50 ft. from the vernal pool. Mr. Taylor also stated that they will only use the existing trails. Mr. Gidding said they will create informational signs as per the DEP requirements. Com. Pobega said the HEC should get coded maps of the trails that can be put in the library, recreation center and the environmental office for anyone that would like them. Mr. Gidding agreed that the maps would be a good idea. Chair Geer asked if anything would be done in the Bart Pl./Helen Ln. area? Mr. Taylor said No. Chair Geer asked about gates and Mr. Taylor said gates would be put on the outskirts of the entrances. Com. Pobega said he would like to close any trails that go nowhere. Com. Bucci said he would like to have a trail ending at Middle Rd. for a future parking lot. Com. Pobega said a parking lot is not feasible with this grant. Alt. Com. Dente would like garbage cans installed. He said Ed Zimmerman(DPW) can buy the garbage cans. Comm. DiNardo stated that he could work it out to have the garbage picked up from the cans. Com. Pobega commented on the map of Natco Park trails that Mr. Taylor and Mr. Giddings brought with them. He stated that the trail outlined in red is part of the 2030 Visioning Map. Chair Geer asked who drew up the 2030 map. Com. Pobega said Maser Engineers drew it up. He asked if CME could draw up plans and come back to discuss with the HEC? Mr. Taylor said they would like to walk the trails with a member of the HEC. Mr. Giddings said to bring a GPS to plot it. Hazlet resident, Rosemary Mazza asked what would be the timeline for submitting the proposal. Deputy Mayor DiNardo said CME will come back to the HEC and then it would go on to the Township Committee for approval.

Pflager Property-

CME representatives spoke about the two debris contaminations. T&M Engineers did the Phase 1 Mr. Gidding stated that there is salt contamination and they need to establish a clean zone. He said several chemicals/pesticides are causing contamination. He said there is 150 cubic yards of contaminated area. Mr. Taylor said the township would be fined \$2700. each year until the area is cleaned up. Chair Geer said he will talk to the State regarding the contamination. This is a major issue. He said the Open Space Plan was never approved and they need the ROSI List by the deadline. He said T&M received 5 payments, a total of \$10,000. This topic will be discussed further at the next Open Space meeting.

Planning for the May 18th walk in Natco Park –

On May 18, 2013 at 10am Joe Reynolds will guide a Nature Walk through Natco Park with assistance from the HEC commissioners. Everyone will meet at the Lakeside Manor parking lot. Alt. Com. Dente spoke to a manager from the Lakeside and they said it was ok to use their parking lot. V Chair Ledja stated that the Yellow Trail would be the best trail to use for the walk.

Topics and authors for the Environmental Commission Newsletter -

Com. Pobega said we should publish our calendar and the trail grant could be a topic. Com. Bucci said Stone Rd and our events such as the Holiday Tree Decorating should also be included. Com. Pobega suggested the need for a Natco Park parking lot as another topic. He said former HEC member, Chris Cavanagh, had plans drawn up. Com. Bucci suggested asking the public to e-mail responses regarding the parking lot. Com. Bucci and Com. Pobega would like to have a newsletter go out sometime in September.

UPDATES:

Natco Sub-Committee – V. Chair. Lejda, Com. Pease

V C Lejda stated that the peeper walk was a great success. Approximately 30 people attended. Earth celebration had approx. 50 people in attendance. She thanked Deputy Mayor DiNardo for speaking at the Earth Day event.

Planning Board – Com Mann, Com. Pobega

Com. Mann was absent. Com. Pobega stated that IFF would like to install a solar farm. It will supply 50% of the power they need to run the facility. They would also add sidewalks to Rt 36. Any trees taken down will be replaced. Costco discussed changing the hours for deliveries.

Zoning Board –

No update

Open Space Advisory Council- Com. Bucci

Com. Bucci was absent, he asked Com. Pobega to give an update. Com. Pobega stated that Deputy Mayor DiNardo gave a presentation on the possible purchase of the Holy Family School property. The School could be used for the Hazlet Pre-School, Summer Camp and CCD. He stated that he would like the Open Space to purchase the property west of the school. Some of the money would come from the Open Space trust fund. Chair Geer asked if there was any word on the Open Space Plan. Com. Pobega said No, they need the ROSI List, they have nothing. Mary DeAngelo is making copies and they will be sent to the State.

Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Chair. Geer

Chair. Geer stated they had a big clean up on Sunday, May 5. He said the truck was overloaded. He said he sent Bill Kastening from the Monmouth County Conservation a write up from John(?)and other paperwork to get him interested. Com. Pobega said Com. Eng made Bill Kastening special advisor at the last meeting.

Recreation –

No update

Hazlet Township website update –

Comm. DiNardo stated that updating the website moving forward. The website will be user friendly and smart phone friendly.

Facebook update- Com. Bucci

Com. Bucci will change the clean up date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Natco Remediation

Comm DiNardo stated that the Township is waiting to find a site for the fill to go to. One site that originally said they would accept it changed their mind. He said too many phone calls from people are scaring away possible sites. Chair Geer said we have not heard anything from the State or the Township. Nothing is getting done.

Forward planning for storm damage: Hazard Mitigation Plan, use of Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE) maps

All are welcome to attend a meeting in the Rave Cinema on May 22, 2013. More information on the township website.

Status of development plans for “Stone Road Meadows” (Flood prone area)

Chair Geer stated that he has not heard back from the State or Hazlet Township regarding this topic. Com Bucci stated it is an insult that we have no information. Deputy Mayor said they should attend the May 23rd meeting of the Township Committee for answers.

Hazlet Happenings/Holmdel/Hazlet Patch Blog –

The Nature Walk with Joe Reynolds will be posted on the blog

CALENDAR:

***Change :Spring Clean up- May 11 raindate May19 Poole Ave & Rt 36 10am**

Hazlet Day-Oct. 5 raindate Oct. 6 Veterans park set up @ 9am

Nature Walk with Joe Reynolds-May 18/Raindate May 19@ Lakeside-10am

Fall Clean up-TBA

Holiday Tree Decoration-Dec. 14/raindate Dec. 15 Natco Pk. (behind Lillian Dr. School) 2pm

2013 Meeting dates:

Feb. 11, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 10, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 11, December 2, January 6, 2014-Reorganization Meeting

Budget:

ANJAC Dues: \$350.00

Citizen Hearing:

Chris Langill, Boy Scout Troop 137 – Chris discussed interest in cleaning up trails, replacing markers/bridges and Raritan X-country using the park. He stated that since Super Storm Sandy there are many trees down and they are blocking some of the trails. He said he is on the x-country team and running in the park has become very difficult. He also discussed the possibility of future eagle scout projects in Natco Park and Veterans Park. Com. Pobega suggested that Chris should attend a Recreation Commission meeting to discuss Veterans Park with them. He also reviewed our discussion with CME regarding the Trail Grant application for Chris. The HEC invited Chris to join us at our monthly meetings. Com. Pease commended Eagle Scout Robert Eschner for the wonderful job he did on new signs and bridges. She also discussed the vandalism in the park.

Motion to close citizens hearing:

Offered - Com. Pease 2nd - Com. Pobega

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to Adjourn:

Offered – Com. Pease 2nd – Chair. Geer

Voice Vote: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm

Next Meeting: June 10, 2013 – 8PM