



educational. Dragon Flies and frogs were among the wildlife that we observed. Chair Geer said there was an article in the Patch and a notice in the Independent newspaper about the walk.

#### **Discussion of Natco Park trails project-**

Chairman Geer stated that we may not need a lot of work done in the park. We need signage and some new markers and we need to eliminate trails that go nowhere. There are some trees down. Alt. Com. Dente stated that the trails look good and he wants to see garbage cans on the outskirts of the park. Chair. Geer said Alt. Com Dente recently had 2 big clean ups in the park and we should go back again. We should get other opinions on this topic. Some of the people that attended the Nature Walk on May 18<sup>th</sup> said they didn't see a need for such a large trails project.

#### **Topics and authors for the Environmental Commission Newsletter –**

The Nature Walks through the park would be a good topic.

#### **Environmental Resource Inventory: A responsibility of the Hazlet Environmental Commission –**

ANJAC states that it should be the function of the Environmental Commissions along with the Town Planning Boards.

#### **Environmental Building -**

Chair Geer stated that Bob Weigant saw a post in the Asbury Park Press(6-6-2013) for Hazlet Township regarding the demolition of the old Sewer Building on Brookside Ave. He suggested that it would make a good building for the environmental Commission. According to the posted release it would cost the town \$50,000 to demolish.

#### **Hazlet Day – October 5, 2013**

The Environmental Commission will have a table at space #82. Free raffles and prizes were discussed. Com. Pease and V Chair Lejda asked about a budget similar to last years. They felt the raffles and give aways brought a lot of people to our table. Also space is limited because of the additional department in our office.

#### **UPDATES:**

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

V C Lejda stated that we should take down the trail markers for trails that go nowhere. Part of the Orange trail was closed years ago because a Cooper Hawk was thought to be nesting there, but none was ever seen. She stated we should reopen the trail now.

##### **Planning Board – Com Mann, Com. Pobega**

No Update

##### **Zoning Board –**

No update

##### **Open Space Advisory Council- Com. Bucci**

No update

### **Bayshore Regional Watershed Council –Chair. Geer**

Chair. Geer stated they are tagging horseshoe crabs in Union Beach, only 4 were tagged. June 23 is the last night for tagging. They are seining in Cliffwood(a lot of fish),in Union Beach(very little), in Port Monmouth the water had a lot of junk in it, in Atlantic Highlands 15-20 people showed up(only a few fish and shrimp). Next seining is Sept. 14, 2013. Cliffwood at 10am, Union Beach at 12pm, Port Monmouth at 2pm, and Atlantic Highlands at 4pm. Next meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2013 Topic: Pesticides

### **Recreation –**

V. Chair Ledja stated that the Memorial Day service was very nice. She spent \$27.00 on a scrub.

### **Hazlet Township website update –**

No update

### **Facebook update- Com. Bucci**

No update

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Natco Remediation: Letter from NJDEP**

Chair Geer received a response to the letter he wrote to Bob Martin from NJDEP. Lawrence Baier, Chief at NJDEP answered Chair Geer's questions about the removal of the temporary roads placed in Natco Park. Mr. Baier stated that the Township is negotiating with Manzo Recycling to accept the material. He also said the DEP fully expects that all of the material placed in the vicinity of Helen Lane and from Bart Place to the sewer line will be removed. He said the DEP remains committed to the removal of the access roads and the restoration of Natco Park. He also stated "It may not be necessary to remove all of the material that was placed illegally, provided that it meets the Township's specification as a sub-base material".

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

Com. Eng was absent, we will carry over this topic to next month.

### **Status of development plans for "Stone Road Meadows":Freeholder's Meeting**

Chair Geer stated according to the county the 26 acres on Rt 36 are not enough for a park. He said we should be preserving working farms. Two properties were set aside as protected areas. One is Fisherman's Cove which is approximately 52 acres and the other property is 70 acres. Chair Geer stated that he and about 5 other people have set up a meeting with the County Park Planner and Lillian Burry to present their case. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join them. The meeting is at Thompson Park next Thursday.

### **Hazlet Happenings/Holmdel/Hazlet Patch Blog –**

