

HAZLET ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
March 1, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order

Salute to the Flag and moment of silent reflection

CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT: Read by Commissioner Dente

Roll Call:	Present	Absent
Chairman Dente	X	
Com. Geer	X	
Com. Lejda		X
Com. Eng		X
Com. Isenburg	X	
Com. Friesendorf		X
Com. Pobega	X	
Alt#1 Pallitto		X
Alt#2 Lipel	X	
Township Committee Representative, Mayor Tara Clark	X	
Township Committee Representative, James “Skip” McKay		X
Public Information Officer Christina Johnson	X	

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from February 1, 2021

OFFERED: Com. Isenburg	2nd: Com. Geer		
	YES	Abstain	Absent
Chairman Dente	X		
Com. Geer	X		
Com. Lejda			X
Com. Eng			X
Com. Isenburg	X		
Com. Freisendorf			X
Com. Pobega	X		
Alt#1 Pallitto			X
Alt#2 Lipel	X		

NEW BUSINESS:

Gibbstown Logistics Terminal

- The South Jersey Organizer at Food & Water Watch, Jocelyn Sawyer, gave a presentation about the proposed Gibbstown Logistics Terminal.

- Ms. Sawyer told us how Liquefied Natural Gas will be transported by truck and rail from the liquefaction plant in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania to Gibbstown, NJ, where it will be shipped overseas. This liquefied form is hazardous and can easily result in fires, which is a public safety issue. Fracking also increases the effects of climate change.
- Ms. Sawyer recommended the HEC stand with other New Jersey towns and pass a Resolution to oppose the Terminal.
- Com. Pobega offered a Motion to draft a Resolution letter to present to the Hazlet Township Committee. Com. Pobega also offered to write the letter.

MOTION: To draft a letter to Hazlet Township Committee to oppose the Gibbstown Logistics Terminal

OFFERED: Com. Pobega

2nd: Com. Geer

YES Abstain Absent

Chairman Dente	X		
Com. Geer	X		
Com. Lejda			X
Com. Eng			X
Com. Isenburg	X		
Com. Freisendorf			X
Com. Pobega	X		
Alt#1 Pallitto			X
Alt#2 Lipel	X		

ANJEC Webinars

- ANJEC offers free online webinars to environmental commissions. Next month HEC will talk more about the webinars offered and sign up to attend some.

Gas Regulator Update

- NJNG asked for an extension. No other updates for now.

Earth Day Celebration - April 24th

- Environmental Community Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 10 a.m. for Commissions, Hazlet Township Committee, and the Press
- Drive-thru free tree event at 11 a.m. Christina Johnson will help to create an online form so citizens can easily enter what trees they would like.
- Possibly advertise the free tree event on the NJ35 LED sign as well as the sign on Middle Road
- Com. Eng was able to get 84 cases, 2016 2-packs of LED lightbulbs from NJ Clean Energy to give away to citizens at the Earth Day Celebration. Citizens will have the option to get a lightbulb through the online tree form.

Natco Park

- Environmental Inventory starts in March. All of the fauna and watersheds will be evaluated, and then the data will be presented to the Township at the end of the year to assess any changes/upkeep that are needed. This will also help evaluate the tick situation to naturally get rid of them.
- Clean Communities and Save Coastal Wildlife Clean Up: March 13th at the Gramercy at 10 a.m. Clean Communities will be there with the truck, garbage bags, and pickers

- HEC Quad: Quad will be received by the Earth Day Celebration. The Environmental Community Building has a garage attached to keep the Quad in. The Quad will be used to help hold litter when cleaning Natco Park, but also assist emergency personnel if there is an emergency inside the park. The Police will have access to the Quad.

HEC Social Media

- Gained access to the original HEC Facebook page that was last used in 2019 and created in 2010. Christina Johnson and Hanna Walker will monitor and create posts for the page. The page is called @HazletEnvironmentalCommission
- HEC also has a new Gmail address so citizens who like the Facebook page can directly email HEC with any questions < hazletenvironmental@gmail.com >

HEC Newsletter

- Com. Pobega wrote a newsletter about the Gas Regulator issue, but it will not be released since NJNG asked for an extension.
- Com. Pobega asked the HEC to come up with some topics that could be addressed in the Spring Newsletter and report at the April meeting.

Memorial Day Celebration

- Citizens normally make all sorts of donations. HEC talked about asking people to donate trees to beautify Hazlet and so the donations are similar. Mentioned having donated Cherry Blossoms in Veterans Park.

Rain Garden

- Mentioned adding a Rain Garden behind the Cullen Center. Also mentioned how the Cullen Center needs a terrace in the back to help with the muddy areas. The topic will be discussed further.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to close Old Business

Offered - Com. Isenburg 2nd- Com. Geer

Voice Vote: YES

CITIZENS HEARING:

Motion to close citizens hearing:

Offered - Com. Pobega 2nd- Com. Isenburg

Voice Vote: YES

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Offered - Com. Pobega 2nd – Com. Isenburg

Voice Vote: YES

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: – April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.