

HAZLET ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 5th, 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. Ledja	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		
Public Information Officer Christina Johnson	X	

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from March

OFFERED: Com. Pobega

2nd: Com. Isenburg

	YES	Abstain	Absent
Chairman Dente	X		
Com. Geer	X		
Com. Ledja		X	
Com. Eng		X	
Com. Isenburg	X		
Com. Friesendorf		X	
Com. Pobega	X		
Alt#1 Pallitto		X	
Alt#2 Lipel	X		

NEW BUSINESS:

HEC Spring/Summer Newsletter

- Com. Geer to write an article about Climate Change
- Com. Pobega to write an article about our Earth Day/Ribbon Cutting event
- Secretary Walker to write an article about how to recycle correctly

- Ask Master Gardener, Bob Michaels, if he would like to write an article

Natco Booklet

- Work on modernizing the Natco Booklet
- Talked about applying for an ANJEC Grant due April 19th to promote new Natco Book with pictures

Environmental Resource Inventory

- GZA started environmental inventory on April 5th. Looking at all flora and animals to understand Natco Park better
- Looked at the ANJEC PDF file to understand how the Park is evaluated.

Underwater Drone

- Chairman Dente knows someone who got a grant for an underwater drone and will ask them to look in Natco Lake. This would help with the Environmental Resource Inventory and let us see what species of fish are in our lake.

Earth Day Celebration - April 24th

- Ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. at 399 Middle Road
- 500 Free Trees, 5 different tree types - citizens get 1 of each tree - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Hold off on free light bulbs until Hazlet Day
- Hand out backpacks, coloring books, and water bottles to kids at the event

Natco Building - Quad

- The building was flipped
- Concrete work, sidewalks, and landscaping will be done
- HEC members and other officials will have cards to enter the building
- Install security cameras

Rain Garden - Com. Ang

- Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experiment Station - Green Infrastructure Champions Program “How to Design and Build a Rain Garden” Webinar (April 9th, 10 AM-12 PM)

NJDEP Bureau of Sustainability: Sustainable Speakers Series - April 15th

- Start up Hazlet’s Green Team again

Open Space Advisory Council’s Property Score Card - Com. Ang, Com. Pobega

- Looked at scorecard that helps evaluate how valuable properties are

Natco Lake

- Com. Friesendorf spoke with a representative from the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife who explained that the fish are dying due to a natural phenomenon from the weather changing that changes the levels of bacteria in the water.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to close Old Business

Offered - Com. Pobega 2nd- Com. Isen

Voice Vote: YES

CITIZENS HEARING:

- No citizens spoke

Motion to close citizens hearing:

Offered – Com. Pobega 2nd- Eng

Voice Vote: YES

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Offered– Com. Friesendorf 2nd – Com. Pobega
Voice Vote: YES

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: – May 3rd, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.