

**HAZLET ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**July 5th, 2021**

**399 Middle Road Hazlet, NJ 07730**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order**

**Located fire exits in new environmental building**

**Salute to the Flag**

**CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT:** Read by Chairman Dente

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chairman Dente	X	
Com. Geer		X
Com. Ledja	X	
Com. Eng	X	
Com. Isenburg	X	
Com. Freisendorf	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 May 3rd, 2021**

<b>OFFERED: Chairman Dente</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>: Com. Pobega</b>		
	<b>YES</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chairman Dente	X		
Com. Geer			X
Com. Ledja		X	
Com. Eng	X		
Com. Isenburg	X		
Com. Freisendorf	X		
Com. Pobega	X		
Alt#1 Pallitto			X
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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Natco Park

- Discussed the possibility of widening trails for 2 people to comfortably walk side by side

- Widening the trail too much can harm the natural ecology of the park - Will discuss this further
- Discussed if the trail by Raritan High School should be closed off due to that people can't park by the entrance of the trail to use it while school is in session - Still going to access the situation
- Ticks in Natco Park
  - Still waiting for the Environmental Resource Inventory to be completed to access how to lessen the number of ticks in the park
  - Com. Freisendorf mentioned how it is unlikely that deer are feeding on ticks in the park since if they were staying in the park certain plants would be eaten

#### Best Garden Contest

- Each month can have a different contest theme ("best vegetable", "best flower", etc..)
- Have residents submit pictures to be entered in the contest & have residents vote on which is the best
- Display pictures at Hazlet Day - Prizes still under consideration

#### NJDEP Urban Parks Program - Project Name: North Hazlet Community Park

- 8th Street Park to be renovated with Green Acres Monmouth County Planning grant money
- Chairman Dente wrote a personal letter to support the park renovation
- Chairman Dente will look at Clean Community Program funds to put new trash/recycling bins in the park

#### Monmouth Jet Ski Application

- Still waiting for an update

#### Proposed Route 36 self-storage facility (old Shop Rite)

- Chairman Dente wrote a personal letter addressing the issue
- This proposal was approved by the Land Use Board

#### Waackaack Creek remediation

- Discussed the remediation

#### LNG Export Terminal

- Hazlet Township passed the HEC's Resolution to oppose the LNG Export Terminal

#### Bench for Judy Mescal

- Amy Mescal and her family will donate a Tree in Judy's honor in front of the Environmental Building
- HEC plans to donate a bench in Judy's honor
- Com. Friesendorf said that Leocadia Park has a bench donated to an HEC member and we should look at it to get a matching bench for Judy

#### Foster a Tree Program

- Com. Pobega brought up an idea for a Foster a Tree Program - residents could get a tree from one of our Free Tree Events, foster it for 3-4 years, and then plant it near the new environmental building or in Natco Park

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Motion to close Old Business**

Offered - Com. Pobega                      2nd- Com. Freisendorf

### **CITIZENS HEARING:**

Bill Shewan: 28 Mason Drive, Hazlet, NJ

- Sent in an OPRA request 3-4 months ago inquiring about Open Space funds. He asked if the HEC would be able to get the information easier.

**Motion to close citizens hearing:**

Offered – Com. Pobega                      2<sup>nd</sup>- Com. Eng

**Voice Vote: YES**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Offered– Com. Pobega                      2<sup>nd</sup> – Com. Lipel

**Voice Vote: YES**

**Meeting adjourned**

**Next Meeting: – August 2nd, 2021 at 7pm**