



Borough of Fanwood Environmental Commission

Monthly Meeting – Minutes

June 16, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT	Sandy Redder (Secretary), Gary Szelc (Vice Chair), Phyllis Sandrock, Margaret Chowdhury
MEMBERS ABSENT	Kevin Boris (Planning Board Liaison), Dave Schwartzberg Eric Gaulin (Chair), Kathy Mitchell (Borough Council Liaison)
GUESTS	Andrea Parra, Antonios Panagopoulos
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p><u>Open Public Meetings Act</u></p> <p>The opening public meetings act was read and the meeting came to order at 7:34 PM. Minutes from the previous month were approved.</p> <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes for the previous meeting (May 19th) are included here as Attachment 1.</p> <p><u>Membership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms for Eric Gaulin, Sandy Redder, Phyllis Sandrock expire 12/31/22 • Andrea Parra has been approved as an Alternate Member, to be appointed at the meeting of the Mayor and Council on 6/20/22 <p><u>Meeting Details</u></p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/93819002240?pwd=dTBXSXg2Vjl0dCtZc0tIQ3Fsek9zdz09 Meeting ID: 938 1900 2240 Password: 190517</p> <p>Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York) Meeting ID: 938 1900 2240 Password: 190517</p>

Nature Center

DISCUSSION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature Center Caretakers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tree maintenance – need to have an inventory done, what needs to be removed. Phyllis still needs to do this. ○ Trail conditions? Phyllis suggested that the entrance closest to LaGrande be evaluated as it is eroding. ○ Phyllis reported that after every rain, the trash from storm run-off is significant. The run-off is from Vinton and LaGrande. Antonios wants to take a look after a storm to evaluate but we probably need a device to contain. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Volunteer Projects

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden Work / Volunteers (Sandy / Margaret) - The group has met a few times and work is progressing. The rain garden needs to be rebuilt. • Local student at UCVTech (Environmental / Sustainability Program) – internship – Margaret reported that Luka has removed Ivy and is doing our watering. • Boy Scout Eagle Award – Margaret reported that two boys are interested in: 1. Invasive species and 2. Nature Center boardwalk. 		
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Grants

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Acres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Antonios – any updates? We are ½ way through the year – we would like some plan for the rest of the year. Antonios said he had heard and we were approved! The two bridges will be replaced, stone dust for the paths and maybe some boardwalk. • ANJEC and other grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1500 grant program – Submitted for 35 foot extension of boardwalk – did not get it. Should we solicit the open space fund? The group discussed and we proposed asking for the money to use on the boardwalk. Phyllis to put a proposal together. 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Draft request for money from Open Space fund for the boardwalk.	Phyllis	

Old Business

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough Hall Planting Plan – It is in the hands of the town - Antonios to follow up with the Mayor. • Status / Inspection of Storm Water Retention Basin at Borough Hall Complex – Antonios inspected it and it looked good. We had a question on whether it should be inspected on a regular basis. • 		

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New Business

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible future Garden talks / lectures? We discussed: Debbie NaHa edibles? Winter sowing of native seeds? Any new projects / actions to take? Fanny Wood Day – begin discussing plan of action. Discussed hand outs / watershed model demonstrations / Idling, how to get rid of lantern flies, etc. Antonios was asking about Storm Water Mgt. education. We discussed that Clint has a lot of material. 		
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Review of Plans

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PP 2091 Portland LLC – location 244 N. Martine Avenue; various variances caused by two front yards, increase in impervious; replacement of a house destroyed by fire several years ago Beck – location 95 Farley Avenue; previously received variances in 2017; variance request is for increase of building coverage (changing patio to a covered porch); property has two front yards 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> No Environmental Issue No Environmental Issue 	

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.