



# Borough of Fanwood Environmental Commission

Monthly Meeting – Minutes

November 17, 2022 – 7:30 PM

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Eric Gaulin (Chair), Sandy Redder (Secretary), Gary Szalc (Vice Chair), Phyllis Sandrock, Andrea Parra
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Antonios Panagopoulos, Dave Schwartzberg, Kathy Mitchell (Borough Council Liaison), Margaret Chowdhury
<b>GUESTS</b>	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<p><b><u>Open Public Meetings Act</u></b> The opening public meetings act was read and the meeting came to order at 7:38 PM.</p> <p><b><u>Minutes</u></b> The minutes for the September 2022 meeting are still under review. There was no meeting held in October 2022.</p> <p><b><u>Membership Notes</u></b> Phyllis' new email = <a href="mailto:sandrock.lcsw@gmail.com">sandrock.lcsw@gmail.com</a> Expiring terms = Eric Gaulin, Phyllis Sandrock, Sandy Redder</p>

## Eagle Scout Discussion

<b>DISCUSSION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project 1 – Nature Center. No update</li> <li>Project 2 – Garden Project. No update</li> </ul>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Still waiting to hear more from the two Eagle Scouts who presented		

## Borough Hall Gardens

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Benches / Flagpole Garden</li><li>• Planting and maintenance plan</li><li>• Rain Garden - Margaret reported that they are still mowing the rain garden.</li></ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

## Nature Center

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General notes from Caretaker<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Robbie Lambert will begin feeding the birds after Thanksgiving.</li><li>○ Trash has been reduced since the benches have been taken out.</li><li>○ Tree/limb chipping to be looked at in January.</li></ul></li><li>• Safety and security<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Benches have been removed</li></ul></li><li>• Green Acres project<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Next steps</li><li>○ Draft design completed – two bridges, stone dust paths – shared with Green Acres, awaiting comments from them; Antonios will incorporate those and also Gary's comments, after which time those will go out to bid.</li></ul></li></ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

## Old Business

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Garden talks / lectures – Wild Edibles – Gary – to advance this. Let's get a walk scheduled for Spring/summer.</li><li>• Fanny Wood Day – 9/18/22<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Any debrief? Good turn out and interest. Maybe get shirts for next year.</li></ul></li><li>• ANJEC Congress (10/11 to 10/13 – Virtual; 10/14 – in person). Gary attended some of the sessions.</li><li>•</li></ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

## New Business

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms for Eric Gaulin, Sandy Redder, Phyllis Sandrock expire 12/31/22</li> <li>• Borough Hall Gardens - all work and communications to be funneled through Gary and Eric.</li> <li>• Table / project / public outreach at Clean Community Day. Should we reach out to the Green Team to coordinate something.</li> <li>• Plastic film collection project. Is Fanwood participating in this? Fanwood is listed, Andrea to investigate. How about styrofoam.</li> <li>• SPF HS – wildlife club. Raiders for Wildlife - new club at SPF.</li> <li>• 2023 Budget (see attached).</li> <li>• Public contact procedures (citizens, others). All to go through Gary and Eric.</li> <li>• Winter sowing workshop. Will be conducted in January.</li> <li>• ANJEC Workshop Nov. 29 7:00 PM - Sustainable landscape practices.</li> <li>• Our December meeting will bring back our end of year party - food, snacks, drinks, etc.</li> </ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Andrea to reach out to the Borough on the plastic film recycling effort in Fanwood.		

## Review of Plans

DISCUSSION		
• None		

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.