

GLEN ROCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Municipal Building, Harding Plaza, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

AGENDA - Meeting of Wednesday February 17, 2021 HELD REMOTELY ON ZOOM

Ben Meyer (P)	Scott King (A)	Candace Lynch (P)
Lesley Elton (P)	Sylvia Rabacchi (P)	Amy Martin (Council Liaison) (P)
Ken Jones (P)	Ann Marie Brennan (P)	

(P) Present, (A) Absent

Green Team:

Shade Tree Advisory Committee: Elaine Silverstein (P), Candy Hall (P)

Alternates: Laura Occhipinti (P), Sara Froikin-Gordon (P)

Guests: Arati Kreibich (P)

Call to Order

Site Plan Review – None to report

Planning Board Report

Agenda Topic/Owner	Key Points	Next Action Steps
Minutes approval	Minutes of January 20, 2021 meeting to be approved.	Minutes approved
Feature topic: All	SJ recertification 2021 – Update on the status of the actions being pursued	<p>Updated on status of planned actions by each GREC member.</p> <p>Council has adopted a Resolution for the Companion Animal Pledge and for the NJ Wildlife. Sylvia is working on a draft for new action on Animal Management Plan to be sent to the Board of Health for comments. A Memo for all three will need to then be sent to relevant depts to complete the action.</p> <p>All members are encouraged to check their actions to see if a Resolution/Ordinance is needed. In this case it should be brought up to the m & c asap.</p> <p>Additional orphan actions were assigned. We will discuss again what to include for the Community Education and Outreach and the Innovative Projects, in order to maximize the certification points.</p>
UPDATES: STAC Updates/ Silverstein, Hall	Shade Tree Advisory Committee report. Tree Protection Ordinance	Draft received from the council, under review by the Tree or committee

R-GEA/ Jones	Launch of new SEA program starting in April 2021	Residents received opt-out letters around Feb 7. Flyers, and other outreach were sent to clubs/groups; Q&A sessions were made available. Ben gave brief update to GR Activity Club. Public session is Feb 25 th . So far, we have received good feedback on Energy Harbor's customer service.
ERI planning/Rabacchi	Environmental Resource Inventory under review	ERI review in progress. Revisions and comments on the first 4 chapters were sent back to the borough planner.
Styrofoam recycling / Jones, Lynch	Update on plans for permanent collection in Glen Rock	- We need to empty the containers and deliver the Styrofoam to polymolding. Ken will contact Polymolding to see if we can deliver foam without bagging - BCUA: 2 meetings with BCUA: interested in helping us, not so much on collection but more with recycling: mentioned the possibility of providing Styrofoam densifiers to a few towns that would work as hubs and will accept Styrofoam from neighboring towns (~50K each)
EV chargers/Meyer	Usage update	Ben: usage report due to NJDEP. GREC approves in its current form. Mayor needs to sign next before submission. Usage: has gone up in the last 2 months of 2020. Amy will bring this to Mary's attention for the PD to raise awareness and for enforcement of the 4 h parking limit for cars at the EV charging stations. We will evaluate using the ParkMobile system to charge by hour for parking in the 2 EV charging parking spaces
Planning board Application / Meyer	Application of Glen Park Village, 569 and 575 Prospect street for subdivision to divide two lots into 3	Application was approved to split the current 2 lots into 3 lots. The concern of GREC and STAC regarding clear-cutting was expressed to the Planning Board. This topic will be addressed when the applicant proposes a specific development plan at a later time and submits a further application.
Stormwater Mngmt ordinance/Kreibich, Meyer	Update on Stormwater Management ordinance	The first part of the stormwater ordinance revision covering major development has been approved. The Planning board is reviewing an added sentence on expressing a preference for using green infrastructure when selecting a stormwater mitigation method. Further revisions to the ordinance covering increased impervious coverage in minor developments and building permits will be addressed as a follow-on.
New Business	Key Points	
Gas Leaf Blowers/ Rabacchi	Researching local activities to reduce	Central & Northern NJ GLB Working Group on Mar 1, 2021.

	noise and gas pollution generated by gas leaf blowers.	<p>Sylvia was invited by Ellie Grueber (Ridgewood) to join the group. Princeton has received a grant for working with landscapers and other stakeholders on gas leaf blowers, and other more sustainable landscaping (April presented): Quiet Princeton.</p> <p>The group will discuss the current municipal ordinances in NJ and also the bill that has been proposed in NY state to ban GLB in Spring /Summer. They will evaluate whether to propose a similar bill to the NJ state.</p> <p>Amy: some towns limit GLB use to a few days/week and hours/day.</p>
Community Clean Up/ Occhipinti	Planning for the annual Community Clean up on April 17 th (9:30-11:30am)	Teresa will lead with Arati and Laura. It will be run in a pod-manner, in consideration of the Covid precautions.
Plant Exchange/ Occhipinti	Update on the new Plant Exchange program	Going well. Event will take place at the Borough hall lawn on at noon on March 20 th with March 21 st as rain date. Covid safety precautions will be planned.
PUBLIC COMMENT	NO	

Adjournment: 9:08