

GLEN ROCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Municipal Building, Harding Plaza, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

MINUTES - Meeting of Wednesday May 19, 2021

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

(P) Present

(A) Absent

Green Team: Jessica Caron (P)

Shade Tree Advisory Committee: Candy Hall (P)

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

Guests: Michelle Tyler

Call to Order

Site Plan Review – None to report

Planning Board Report

NOTE: ABBREVIATED AGENDA TO ALLOW FOR IN-DEPTH PLANNING AND DISCUSSION FOR THE JUNE 5TH SJ APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Agenda Topic/Owner	Key Points	Next Action Steps
Minutes approval	Minutes of April 21, 2021 meeting to be approved.	Minutes approved
Feature topic: All	1. SJ recertification 2021 – LAST updates before submission on June 5 th 2. Report on Earth day activities	<p>SJ Recertification: Submission deadline: 6/6 Feedback return date: mid-July 2nd round: 9/10 Feedback Return date: mid-Oct <i>(FINAL subm: Nov 21st, with Return date mid-Oct)</i></p> <p>Reviewed the List of Actions one by one by member and finalized the plans for submission. All members complete their action submission by June 30th. Lesley and Sylvia will then review the application and submit to SJ on June 6th.</p> <p><u>Outstanding actions:</u> We are still waiting to find out if we can use the Rain Garden for an action (possibly Green Infrastructure implementation if they accept the rain barrel as second project). Ann Marie will take on Innovative project. Focus on the Intern program that ran Fall 2020. Will also cover the anti-idling action based on the campaign the Interns did. Arati is coordinating the Tree actions with</p>

		<p>Earth day celebration activities: GREC co-s Earth Day Green Week with the Thielke Arb with a rich program consisting in hybrid in person/online events: GREC tabled 2 event to Sykkvia, Jess, Ann Marie and Sarah), along with STAC, and we had an EV car show (thanks to Ken, Pat, and members of the Bergen Hub, Han). Tree giveaway was also taking place at the same time with ~750 tree saplings given away. All events were well organized and successful, with very good attendance and a steady flow of people coming from GR and neighboring towns (~100 people). All events were outdoors with COVID precautions. For virtual events we had a 10 newbies (Ken and 4 members of the SJ Berg Jay, Han, Ira), a workshop on composting (L Sylvia) and one on sustainable food choices.</p>
UPDATES:		
STAC Updates/ Silverstein, Hall	Shade Tree Advisory Committee report. Tree Protection Ordinance	Weekly meetings are in progress to advance draft for the ordinance
Rain Garden/Elton	Plan for installation of rain garden	Installation by NJ Wildflowers in the next 2 Land was marked already.
Faith Communities/ Brennan	Outreach to faith communities on sustainability	Ann Marie will contact the faith communities to follow up on her first meeting.
New Business	Key Points	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None	

Adjournment: 9:10 pm