

GLEN ROCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Municipal Building, Harding Plaza, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

MINUTES - Meeting of Wednesday October 20, 2021

Ben Meyer (P)	Scott King (P)	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: Jessica Caron

Shade Tree Advisory Committee: Elaine Silverstein

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

Guests: Arati Kreibich, Michelle Tyler, Bill Leonard, Maria Dola, Jill Orlich

Call to Order

Site Plan Review – Discussion here below

Planning Board Report

Agenda Topic/Owner	Key Points	Next Action Steps
Minutes approval	Minutes of September 13, 2021 meeting to be approved.	Minutes approved
Feature topic: /Meyer	GREC recommendation to Planning board and Council on new development applications	<p>Discussion focused on the 175 Rock Road new development proposed at the ... Planning board meeting. GREC members discussed putting together a letter with our recommendations to be sent to the Planning board and applicant. We went over a first draft that includes some of the major goals for green building.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EC chargers: this development needs to meet at the very minimum the state requirements, and we would recommend to go beyond in anticipation to the expected increase in EVs. The letter will state the requirements in the current state statute on EV charges. Amy reminds us that the council has recently passed an ordinance in support to that state law. 15% of the residential parking spaces need to be set up as EV made, of which 1/3??. (The plan includes a total of 105 residential parking spaces). Need to include EV chargers. The EV chargers proposed by the applicants are not sufficient to comply. Also, Ben noticed that the type of chargers proposed (Bosh or equivalent) may not be adequate to its use since they do not allow for payment. We will get clarification on the # EV ready/chargers required for commercial (the proposal includes a total of 126 parking spaces for this). 2. Green spaces and plants: the letter should also include

		<p>strong recommendations to include elements that can help mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change, including expected heavier rainfall and storms: the addition of green spaces, with native trees and shrubs, rain/pollinator gardens can help reduce stormwater runoff, act as carbon sink, at the same time offer a more attractive environment and increase property value.</p> <p>3. Pedestrian and bike: a pedestrian and bike path is strongly recommended to connect the development to the main road to allow for safe transportation alternatives. Also bike rack should be installed, and a bike room.</p> <p>4. Regarding the increased traffic and air pollution concerns Amy suggests the possibility of declaring the area No Idling Zone area</p>
<u>UPDATES:</u>		
SJ recertification 2021	Update on certification application status	Sylvia reports that we have just been notified that Glen Rock has been re-certified at the Silver level with 455 points (out of 350 minimum required).
ERI planning/Rabacchi	Environmental Resource Inventory approved	We would like to include our recently updated ERI (Environmental Resource Inventory) with the very last submission due November 21. We need to receive the Resolution and a Memo needs to be sent from the borough administrator to all relevant borough boards/committees.
Code update /Martin	Updates to the leaves/composting ordinance	The code has been updated after council approval
Water bottle filling stations /Meyer	Update on quotes for filling stations at Alcove, Triangle park and Faber field	Michelle had provided quotes for filtered outdoor water bottle filling stations. Chilling is probably not needed. One unit will be for the Alcove (sponsored by the Shubert company that owns the Mall building). We just need to establish whether electricity is needed. One will be installed outside at the bathroom building at Faber field as part of the on-going upgrade project. Discussed the possibility of ordering 2 additional units for the playground at the pool/Arboretum and at Memorial park. This would save freight cost, ~5-6 week delay for shipping.
New Business	Key Points	
Recycling outreach refresher/Rabacchi	Update needed for the Recycling the Right way card, borough website, stickers for contaminated recycling	Jessica is working on a recycling refresher campaign: she has spoken with Craig and made a list of issues observed with recycling by the residents. She would like to also talk to our current hauler (GAETA), but Amy suggest to wait a couple of months until the recycling personnel settles after Craig's retirement.
COP 26/Brennan	GREC commissioner participation to the United Nations Climate Change	Ann Marie is going to participate to the COP26 in November: brainstormed on activities/material to bring there or back. She may run short interviews and ask

	Conference of the Parties (COP 26) in Glasgow - 31 October – 12 November 2021.	people from other countries their perspectives on climate change impacting their communities and ways they are planning to help adaptation.
PUBLIC COMMENT		Jill Orlich thanks the commission for their work

Adjournment: 9:30pm