

GLEN ROCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Municipal Building, Harding Plaza, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

MINUTES - Meeting of Wednesday December 15, 2021

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

(A) Absent

(P) Present

Shade Tree Advisory Committee: Candy Hall

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

Green Team:

Guests: Michelle Tyler

Call to Order

Site Plan Review – None to report

Planning Board Report

Agenda Topic/Owner	Key Points	Summary
Minutes approval	Minutes of November 17, 2021 approved.	Minutes approved
Feature topic: GREC Goals for 2022/All	Commissioners update on individual plans for 2022. Update of collective goals	Reviewed and assigned roles to each commissioner and collaborators (STAC, guests, volunteers). Goals discussed here below:

GOALS:

1. Climate change mitigation/adaptation Actions
a. Climate Action plan (aligning goals with boards/committees)
b. Maintain renewable energy plan for residents
c. Explore solar opportunities
d. Energy efficiency outreach + solar (?)
- Energy efficiency outreach (residential)
- Energy efficiency outreach (commercial, municipal)
- Energy efficiency outreach (religious organizations)
f. Electric Vehicles (continue to promote/educate, add EVs to municipal fleet)
g. Fleet inventory
h. Education campaign on e-/battery-operated landscaping equipment (develop list of sustainable landscapers)
i. Stormwater ordinance for minor subdivisions
j. Tree protection ordinance
k. Outreach to religious organization

2. Recycling/plastic reduction
a. Styrofoam collection: assist DPW in setting up permanent collection
b. Recycling education (update card, assist business with new state plastic reduction law etc)
c. Green Business recognition program
d. TerraCycle bottle cap collection
e. Water bottle-filling stations for Alcove, Faber, Pool, Memorial, others
f. Plastic free zone - Resolution
3. Green building actions (see SJ actions for full descriptions)
a. Green development checklist
b. Green building education
5. Sustainable Landscaping and Gardening, Open space
a. Complete landscaping at EV charging stations
b. Community clean-up
c. Maintaining rain garden, pollinator (order signs & install), and community garden
d. Continue education regarding backyard composting, leave the leaves, in coll. with STAC
f. Promote native plants, in collaboration with STAC
g. Outreach on sustainable landscaping: discourage chemicals + gas powered equipment, encourage native plants, water conservation, trees
- design back of Recycling card with educ/tips
- design small lawn sign for residents (green lawn or chemical free lawn....)
- create Guidelines to sustainable backyard/landscape (? Resolution)
- articles for GR Gazette

UPDATES:

Styrofoam recycling / Jones, Lynch	Update on plans for permanent collection in Glen Rock	Ken mentioned a new model that has been presented at the Allendale EC meeting, where a company comes to a town to pick up, compress and take care of the Styrofoam previously collected. This would substantially streamline the process for DPW. Pricing will be communicated soon to allow us to evaluate this model.
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Adjournment: 9:10 pm