

GLEN ROCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Municipal Building, Harding Plaza, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

AGENDA - Meeting of TUESDAY May 16, 2023

MEETING TO BE HELD IN-PERSON AT THE Glen Rock Arboretum Education CTR

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ben Meyer Scott King Sylvia Rabacchi Ken Jones Elaine Silverstein
Michelle Tyler Amy Martin (Council Liaison)

GREC Alternates: Sara Froikin-Gordon, Candy Hall

Green Team: Teresa Gilbreath, Jessica Caron

Shade Tree Advisory Committee: Elaine Silverstein, Candy Hall

Guests: Lesley Elton, Michael Faherty, Mike Shetler, Tom Marcyes, David Lindley, Stephanie Brennan, Ed Morley, Mary & Martin Sutherland, Laura Occhipinti, Arati Kreibich.

Agenda Topic

Owner

Key Points

Minutes approval

All

Minutes of April 2023 meeting to be approved.

Thanks to Sylvia Rabacchi & Ken Jones

All

Thanks for Sylvia's and Ken's contributions to GREC

FEATURED TOPICS:

Clean Up Glen Rock

Froikin

Discussion of plans by sub-committee for the new date May 20: Froikin, Hall, Meyer, King

Arbor day/Earth Day

All

Discussion of plans for the new date May 21

SJ Certification

Rabacchi

Preparation and planning for certification activities during 2023. Review of individual task assignments.

NEW BUSINESS

Project leads

All

Review and update on project leads

Review of the SJ Summit

Jones, Tyler

Review of the presentation on the Community Solar Program and the other topics presented.

Rain/Pollinator Garden

Silverstein, Jones, Elton

Discussion of additional work needed.

IRA loophole for leased EVs Tyler

Inflation Reduction Act provisions applicable to leased Electric Vehicles allow the full rebate, and other benefits of the IRA.

UPDATES

Gas leaf blowers Rabacchi, Silverstein

Discussion on potential restrictions on gas leaf blowers during summer months

Plastic-Free Glen Rock Rabacchi, Tyler

- Update on on-going campaign to Businesses and Residents.
- Discussion of first Green Business Recognition award
- Signage for water bottle-filling station at Faber field. Update for future installations at Alcove, Memorial and/or other parks.

Energy Efficiency Hall

- Update from the energy efficiency sub-committee on residential, commercial, municipal campaigns (Hall, Silverstein, Tyler, Caron).
- Discussion on SJ/PSE&G partnership program

Native borough planting Silverstein

Planning for substituting perennials for annuals at borough hall

Bergen county Hub/SJ Jones

Update on Hub activities

Styrofoam recycling Jones, Martin

Update for Styrofoam densifier and update on permanent collection program

Green Dev. checklist King, Meyer

Update on Green Development Checklist for new development applications

Planning Board update King/Meyer

Update on any environmental aspects of Planning Board applications from sub-committee

Nabisco demolition All

Update on latest status

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT