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Subject: Sustainable Highland Park Minutes, July 28th, 2021 via Zoom

Attending Members:

Tina Weishaus-Chair, Irene Chan Marx, Paul Sauers, Wendy Rosen

Guests: Mark Lesko

- 1) Borough-Government Energy Aggregation ordinance is yet to be approved by the Council, to our knowledge. Once this is done the project will undergo a renewed bidding process. Murals at the Environmental Education Center need to be cleaned up. A date will be announced for those who want to participate.
- 2) Everyone's Farm- Wendy reported the borough received funding for senior programming that will include fixing up and planting gardens. The project has not started yet and Wendy will need to meet with the senior center coordinator again.
 - Open garden tours need feedback from the borough to determine if it's approved during the pandemic.
 - Environmental movie, Kiss the Ground, will be shown tomorrow.
 - **Action**: Tina and Wendy to email SHP and EF groups, respectively, regarding the opportunity to watch the movie.
 - Wendy suggested purchasing lawn signs with SHP website to publicize EF and SHP.
 - Social media for EF can be part of SHP's website, Twitter and Facebook accounts.
- 3) <u>Earth Day Festival</u>-Due to the Covid variant and increasing cases, Earth Day planning will be postponed for a few weeks. Tina suggested an alternative can be to screen an environmental movie on Zoom with a discussion afterwards. Movie suggestions are The Sacrifice Zone or Kiss the Ground. Another suggestion is to offer webinars on climate change with guest speakers.
 - For an in-person event, the date will be 10/10/21 and the theme will be Climate Change.

- 4) Resolutions-It is not known whether Phil George brought the resolutions to oppose the construction of a CPV gas power plant in Keasbey and the Fossil Fuel Divestment to borough council.
- 5) <u>SHP website</u>-Tina updated the website and will maintain it in the future. **Action**: Irene M. will send SHP meeting minutes to Tina to post on the website.
 - 6) <u>Cleanups</u>-Mark suggested the cleanups be covered under the borough's insurance. Fall and spring cleanups can be connected to Earth Day. Irene R. contacted Tina to suggest a river trail cleanup. **Action**: Mark will contact Irene R. to discuss the exact location.