



## ***The Borough of Highland Park***

Sustainable Highland Park

*County of Middlesex, New Jersey*

P.O. Box 1330

HIGHLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY

TEL. (732) 572-3400 FAX (732) 732-6006

**Subject:** Sustainable Highland Park Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2021 via Zoom

**Attending Members:**

Tina Weishaus-Chair, Allan Williams, Irene Chan Marx, Irene Riegner

**Council Liaison:** Phil George

**Guests:** Rose DeLorenzo, Mark Lesko, Claudia Farber, Chris Perez, Virginia Rockney

- 1) Farewell to Allan Williams – long time member of SHP will step down at year end. Tina and others expressed appreciation for all contributions Allan made to SHP over the years. A plaque will be presented to Allan.
- 2) Earth Day festival- scheduled for Sunday, May 1 at the Environmental Education Center. Plans need to be made in case of bad weather. The theme is climate change: climate impacts and solutions with emphasis on clean/green sustainable solutions.  
Earth Day planning committee needs to be formed and will meet in January. Irene R. suggested we link a cleanup with the Earth Day festival and a cleanup at S. Adelaide the river. She also suggested making posters regarding the straws and bag ban.  
The location for Earth Day festival 2023 will likely be at Molimock-Graff (Karsey) Park.
- 3) Straws-Irene R, Rose, Paul and Mark will visit HP restaurants and food stores to talk about the new NJ straws law., which requires that a customer request a straw to get a straw.
- 4) Environmental film series-The Sacrifice Zone will be screened on Sunday, January 23 at 4 pm. More details to come on other movies. Claudia F. will work with Tina on a film series. Food and Water Watch will co-sponsor The Sacrifice Zone if that is acceptable to the Borough and will help publicize.
- 5) SHP website-provides current news. Need people to give feedback on the website. Twitter account is @ParkSustainable.

- 6) Renewable Government Energy Aggregation-waiting for the contract between Gabel Assoc. and the borough.
- 7) Leaf blowers-possible ordinance to limit or eliminate 2 stroke leaf blowers. The Environmental Commission will be working on it.  
Salvage construction materials-possible ordinance that requires these materials be salvaged to encourage recycling/reuse of materials.
- 8) Labeling/signage of green stormwater infrastructures-guest, Chris Perez from Rutgers Water Resource program, suggested placing signage at the borough's rain gardens to as they are environmental assets and the public will benefit from learning about them. Tina spoke with Teri Jover, borough administrator and she was supportive. Question of what the cost of project will be and how to fund. Chris will work with the borough and SHP on this project.
- 9) Cleanups-Mark suggested fall and spring cleanups at Donaldson Park and Mill Brook. Mark will pick dates that don't conflict with existing LRWP cleanups. We can involve MS and HS students in our clean up dates.
- 10) Budget update-all of the remaining funding for 2021 was spent on metal straws, reusable bags (folding and rope), children's gloves for cleanups, a scale for weighing garbage, a skimmer and film (The Sacrifice Zone).