



The Borough of Highland Park

Sustainable Highland Park

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Subject: Sustainable Highland Park Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2022 via Zoom

Attending Members: Tina Weishaus-Chair, Irene Chan Marx, Wendy Rosen, Paul Sauers, Rose DeLorenzo

Guests: Mark Lesko, Claudia Farber, Chris Perez, Jack Burr

Counsel Liaison: Phil George

- 1) Adopt a storm drain program – Chris explained how an average person can take care of a catch basin or a storm drain on their street by keeping them clear/clean of leaves, trash, etc. More discussion will follow regarding funding and how to implement this program which has been approved by the borough.
- 2) Environmental film series - will take place March 13 at 4:00 pm. The 3 short films featured are: Aiden’s Butterflies, Dan: A Turtle’s Story and How Wolves Change Rivers. Aiden will lead a discussion after his film. We are grateful to Lindsey Kayman and her non-profit, Environmental Education Fund, for assisting in the film selection process.
- 3) Earth Day planning -
 - a) Food vendor-La Casita is a possibility, will get confirmation.
 - b) Oral/Living History project-seeks borough residents affected by storms and floods from Floyd, Irene, Sandy and Ida to tell their stories. The plan is to work with the HP library and the Historical Society.
 - c) Schools-all 4 schools will participate. Superintendent, Dr. Nicosia, has agreed to collect information from students on their favorite sustainable action.
 - d) Plastic/paper bag ban – outreach and education, including giving away reusable bags.
 - e) Inclement weather-the Community Center was reserved in case of bad weather.
 - f) Location-N.3rd Ave. between Raritan Ave. and Denison St. and the Provident Bank parking lot. Date is Sunday May 1 from 11 am – 3 pm, same day as the Street Fair.
- 4) Cleanups – SHP will host a cleanup at 10 am Sunday, April 24. The site is

along the river at the end of S. Adelaide Ave.

5) Green Amendment – SHP members do not need vote since Phil George has moved the referendum to the council.

6) Everyone's Farm – Wendy will have a teaching garden station to demonstrate urban gardening at the Earth Day event.