



The Borough of Highland Park

Sustainable Highland Park

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Subject: Sustainable Highland Park Meeting Minutes, April 27, 2022 via Zoom

Attending Members:

Tina Weishaus-Chair, Irene Chan Marx, Paul Sauers, Rose DeLorenzo

Guests: Mark Lesko, Chris Perez, Jack Burr, Virginia Rockney, Joyce Orenstein, Jessica Hunsdon, Sharice Richardson, Jamie Balancia

Counsel Liaison: Phil George

Note: This meeting is primarily to discuss the upcoming Earth Day Festival on May 1

- 1) Good Earth Gardeners Jessica Hunsdon, Sharice Richardson and Jamie Balancia presented a vision for Highland Park community gardens, highlighting the need for renters to have access to land for gardening. The benefits include growing own food as prices soar and mental health benefits.
- 2) Cleanup on April 24 – Mark reported about 30 people participated, including Girl Scouts troops and High School students. The event was a success with 499 pounds of trash collected. (Weighed with new scale.)
- 3) Earth Day Fest planning:
 - 6 electric vehicles will be on display
 - Rain barrel building at 1 pm, 12 barrels to be led by Virginia/Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership ambassador.
 - Giveaways of reusable bags, metal straws, butterfly weed plants.
 - Recruitment of storm drain volunteers, there will be a map on an easel
 - Rain garden tours by Chris and HS students
 - Storm stories headed by Rose