



The Borough of Highland Park

Sustainable Highland Park

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Subject: Sustainable Highland Park Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2022 via Zoom

Attending Members:

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

Council Liaison: Phil George

Guests: Mark Lesko, Chris Perez, Jack Burr, Advait Bongu, Nadia Kianvashrad, Ray Bord

1. Composting- Green Bucket, a composting vendor, will give an online presentation on July 5. Rutgers Cooperative Extension will also present on backyard composting on the same day. Councilman Phil George suggested composting on county property at Donaldson Park.

ACTION ITEM: Phil will reach out to the county and other towns to search for similar programs.

2. Adopt-a Drain program – the Borough provided a budget of \$1,600 to purchase reflective vests, rakes, garbage bags and gloves-enough for 30 kits. The high school students put together a video that needs a second version. Claudia created a web page on Adopt a Drain where residents can sign up. Chris was able to obtain GIS data in Excel file from Middlesex County of storm drains that can plot easily on a map

ACTION ITEM: Chris and Advait will work together on making this map interactive for the SHP website.

ACTION ITEM: Tina is planning outreach in the triangle area to engage residents to participate in this project.

- 3) Cleanups-Mark applied for a Park Partners grant to purchase cleanup supplies including bags, gloves, buckets and grabbers. He hopes to involve more people in the cleanups. The supplies can be shared with other groups. Voting in person is Sunday June 26. There is also an option to vote by email.