



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

Sustainable Highland Park

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**Subject:** Sustainable Highland Park Meeting Minutes, July 26, 2023 via Zoom and in person at the Environmental Education Center at 20 River Rd, Highland Park

**Attending Members:** Tina Weishaus-Chair, Irene Chan Marx (minute-taker), Irene Riegner, Mark Lesko, Claudia Farber

**Guest:** Sheree Neese-Todd, Jack Burr, Aaron Todd, Susanna Cuyler, Kevin Dougherty

- 1) The June minutes will be completed shortly by Chris P. and posted on the SHP website.
- 2) Storm drains – Tina suggested enlisting the help of high school Environmental club students to maintain storm drains near the school.
- 3) Arts in the Park – Irene R. will ask the HS environmental club advisor, Jimmy Mokracek about participation in the event.

ACTION ITEM: We need more people to staff the table from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please contact Irene R or Tina if you can help out.

- 4) SJ Actions review – the goal is for SHP to form groups to review SJ actions to set priorities. For those who reviewed and/or met with their groups, the pertinent actions include:
  - water story
  - backyard composting-outreach on waste management
  - storm water management-including rain barrels, down spouts, adopt-a-drain
  - reduce food waste in supermarkets and schools, regional composting with digesters
  - mitigate extreme heat-does our borough have cooling centers? How to get the word out?
  - Climate change action plan & Sustainability Plan
  - impervious covering including parking lots and asphalt that create heat islands-how to mitigate

- 5) Children's activities - Irene M reported the committee communicated via email and has a preliminary list of activities to take place at the HP Environmental Center. Sheree is in favor of holding a meeting to discuss the long-range framework/plan prior to hosting an activity. Tina suggested doing both but prioritize holding a meeting asap.
- 6) Marketing/social media - Lisa Noss, recent SHP attendee, who is willing to post social media content to get the word out about us. She seeks evergreen materials to post. Please send to SHP email for her.
- 7) National Night out- the event is on August 1 from 6-9 pm.

ACTION ITEM: We are seeking volunteers to staff the SHP table.