



The Borough of Highland Park

Sustainable Highland Park

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November 15, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:30

Attendance – Tina Weishaus, Irene Marx, Irene Riegner, Paul Sauers, Rose DeLorenzo, Kevin Dougherty, Mark Lesko, Claudia Farber

Guests: Stevie Adams, Alison Wilkes, , Skip, Beth Steven, Judith McBrien

Welcome and Intros

1) Invited Guest, BOH resolution on Leaf Blowers restrictions - Beth Stevens

Tina has been working on this ordinance for approximately 3 years, BOH proposed a resolution

- Reduce the # of hours for a gas powered equipment (October 1 – December 14th),
- electric blowers throughout the year (Princeton, Montclair, S. Orange and Maplewood)
- Incentivize landscapers to shift over to electric. Some towns have passed total bans and encountered a fair amount of push back
- Stated that SHP, BOH to engage in education outreach (collaborative event in Edison – April 14, 2024
- Q&A session regarding SHP members – being cautious about the ordinance so that it is not overturned (e.g., Summit)

2) Report from Boro, Matt Hersh – No Report

3) Report from HS Env Club, Theo Shiffman – No Report

4) Master Gardener Program on Fall Clean-Ups - Thursday, Teen Center at 7 PM

- Ecofriendly ways for fall clean-up
- The event is going to be a hybrid event

5) Apartment outreach – Tina, Lisa, Stevie (dagmarmot@hotmail.com), Paul and Rose

6) Communications report – Did not discuss

7) Dec 3 - Potluck planning at the Teen Center – 1-4pm coordinated by Tina, Irene and Alexis

8) Sub Committees & Outreach

Irene Reigner – letter to recommended to Matt Hale, but to all members of Boro Council. Including some suggestions including not too much impervious surfaces, non-fossil fuel for

heating and hot water, installation for EV charges, bike storage to facilitate transportation methods. Skip brought up about off-street parking

Future publicity – put on our website, along with leaf blowing

9) New Ideas

Meeting adjourned at 09:03