

SUSTAINABLE HIGHLANDPARK



August 24, 2025 - Meeting Minutes

Hybrid Meeting - 7:30pm – 9:00pm

In Person – Boro Hall (main floor meeting room)

Google Meeting Information - <https://meet.google.com/ibq-yrmb-zhf>

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call - Rose D, Irene Marx, Irene Riegner, Claudia F, Lisa N, Chris P, Mark L, Council Liaison Matt Hersh, guests-Tami, John Caputo

- Committee Updates
 - Programming - next programming meeting is Monday 9/8/25 - *Tami is open to changing it from Monday to a different day of the week in the future to accommodate people who cannot attend on a Monday. The focus is to set up programs that connect SHP to the community
 - Long term projects:
 - repair cafe-John C
 - composting-Ellen
 - stand alone events
 - short term programs
- Upcoming events
 - Arts in the Park-September 14, 11:30-4:30pm
 - sign up for shifts on Discord
 - the plant giveaway draws people in, need to set up registration
 - art project for kids - Tami will reach out to Sheri
 - Chris will need help picking up plants
 - Matt to ask the Borough to promote the plant giveaway
 - Clean and Green Weekend
 - Saturday Oct 4: cleanup and plants pickup
 - Sunday Oct 5: teen center rain garden maintenance and plants pickup
 - Plant Propagation Workshop and Houseplants Swap - Sunday Oct 5 at Zone 6 Teen Center, 2:00-3:30 pm
- Josephine G is interested in leading a produce preservation workshop under the Skills Sharing series. Need someone to coordinate this event.
- Repair Cafe-John reported that he registered SHP and has received a starter kit on how to set up a Repair Cafe. He will attend a Repair Cafe event in Summit, NJ on Sept 27.

Memorial garden for Tina

- We need to develop a plan for Tina's memorial garden
 - Rose will send a request to turn the Community Center raised garden bed to a native plants memorial garden and Matt will seek approval from the Borough.
 - Matt to work on a draft proclamation for Tina from the borough council and work on it with Harry G.
- Redevelopment:
 - Irene R reported on the two recent redevelopment meetings she attended; one was for the Boards, Committees and Commissions and the other was the meeting open to the public. Her recommendations included planting lots of trees, planting native plants and trees in rain gardens, creating a gentle calming path with pervious paving.
 - Arterial Street Design, the selected contractor to redesign the area along S. 3rd for a new community space/farmer's market. Arterial was present to listen to people's suggestions.