

FAIR HAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

AGENDA for Wed 7-24-2019 at 7:30 pm meeting at Borough Hall-

1. Call to Order 7:41pm
2. Sunshine Law Notice – Read by Gary
3. Roll Call: Ralph Wyndrum, Laline Neff, Jessie Murray; Patrick Keeler; Gary Patterson
4. Approval of earlier minutes: May 22 Minutes – Not enough people read, will wait until next meeting to approve.
5. Current Business

A. Sustainable Jersey Project (Laline Neff): 2019/20 Plans- Silver Star

Grants: Closing out Knollwood School rain garden. Took extra month since plants were not available. Everything planted when school was in session. Students helped with planting. \$1100 budget; extra funds will be returned.

We have 8 new proposed raingarden sites, so will reapply for additional new funds at new sites. One is Nativity Church (largest single contributor of stormwater). Can we spend Boro money on private site such as church? Sustainable NJ (SNJ) asked how sites chosen – our answer, is based on impervious cover. As such SNJ does not see an issue since real recipient is FH system. In FH legal review to see if we can get grant. DJ Breckinridge – in charge of executing grants.

B. Navesink River Pollution update (Brian Rice). Current Data Analysis and ongoing work for FHEC. Nothing to report – did not meet this month.

C. GIS System for FH (Greg Wright) Options to complete software fixes. No update.

D. Knollwood Rain Gardens Completion and SJ Grant Closing (BR and RWW)

See above.

E. Boro Hall Rain Garden Status. Upkeep completed; publicity needed (RWW)

Upkeep looks good. Rich Gardella and DPW have done a great job of improving raingarden at Boro Hall.

F. Red Bank request for joint Bike Sharing program, meeting not rescheduled. (RWW) – nothing new to report. No additional meetings as of yet. Have to also provide a safe biking path – currently need to work on something between FH and RB or FH and Rumson. Potential safety issue if don't have a safe bike paths. There is a town transportation plan – path through town not on main roads – all mapped out. Potential to make some streets like 3rd bicycle and residents only?

G. Watering Station Grant for FH Fields Rec Center, submitted 3-27-2019; awarded \$10,000).

We want to encourage folks to not bring cases of water; will sell at cost reusable water bottles. DJ will be in charge – no plan as of yet. Action Item: Green Team to touch base with DJ for reusable water plan. Laline spoke to heads of baseball and soccer – asked them to not bring/sell water to reduce plastic. Idea is to sell something reusable with a symbol that is universal.

H. Plastic Bags - Action by Council

July 15 was supposed to be voted. Acme asked for exceptions (1. to package raw meat, eggs, and produce on Styrofoam; 2. For products already received in Styrofoam). FH said if receive yes; and if package meat OK, but not for produce or eggs. Council is going back to review edits to ordinance. Monday July 29 is next meeting at 700pm for vote. Laline went to past 3 meetings about plastic bag.

Lots of people in favor. Most pushback is on customer – customer needs to change behavior. Not just business but also up to us to change behaviors.

6. New Business: Discussion of approaches to deal with Schwenker's Pond. Open ended for now, originally added as an agenda item per Mayor's request. We had several discussions and really didn't come up with any new additional solutions.

McCarter's pond does not look great Bubblers not working well. Action Item. Will put on agenda – review alternatives next time.

7. Adjournment. 8:15pm. Next Meeting 7:30 pm, September 25, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessie Murray, Recording Secretary