

Fair Haven Fields Natural Area Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda February 13, 2024, Bicentennial Hall

Before We Begin

1. Review of 2023 Goals:
 - a. Begin restoration of Northwest **Done**
 - b. Spend down our Community Appeal donations **Done**
 - c. Honor distinguished committee members **No Progress**
 - d. Community engagement (education and engaging volunteers) **Done**
 - e. Continue partnership w Monmouth Cty Parks **Done**
 - f. Improve NA Committee Connection to the Boro **No Progress**
2. Review of Requests to Boro Council:
 - a. 2021 Annual Report - Professional plan needed to restore Northwest, currently dangerous to access **No longer needed**
 - b. 2021 Annual Report - curbs on FH Rd, adjacent to NA. **Status = Not yet**
 - c. 2022 Annual Report - Consider and approve our plan for restoration of NW, to be presented in March **Done**
 - d. 2022 Annual Report - Consider the deer problem **In Progress**
 - e. 2022 Annual Report - Help our committee be connected and aligned w Boro (give us an agenda spot 4X a year, clarify missions of all committees so we may interact effectively, provide 2 hours per month of boro employee time) **No Progress**
3. Meeting schedule for 2024. Please mark your calendars. All meetings are on Tuesdays at 7 pm at Bicentennial Hall/Fisk Chapel
 - Jan. 16 (delayed 2 weeks due to weather)
 - Feb. 13
 - Mar. 12
 - May 14
 - June 18
 - Aug 13
 - Oct 8
 - Nov 19

Agenda

1. Minutes from last meeting. Thanks Paul!
2. Vote on buying new tools, \$175
3. Committee structure in FH, and how our committee fits in
4. Upcoming related meetings
 - a. Environmental Commission Feb 14
 - b. Environmental Roundtable Meeting Feb 22
5. Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI), to be completed by Environmental Commission.
 - a. See Fair Haven REI 2017:
https://www.fairhavernj.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4411/f/uploads/2017_environmental_resource_inventory_0.pdf
6. See Rumson REI:
<https://www.rumsonnj.org/env/downloads/RUMSON-ERI-2022-Draft-Final.pdf>Projects - Check-in/Next Steps
 - a. Border Trail between church and Natural Area Northwest
 - b. Northwest Restoration next steps
 - i. Proposal from Weeds Inc (attached)
 - ii. Add trail to surround the recently cleared northwest area, plant native grasses within the trail, mow the area, broadleaf herbicide for invasives that come up.
 - iii. Should Monmouth County Parks present their plan to Boro Council?
 - iv. Document plan (in a map) for future new trail
7. Annual Report for 2023. We're on agenda for March 25
8. Volunteer Weekend (Mark). Debrief on Nov 18-19. Plan for next one. Checklist attached.
9. Committee Reports (skipping unless something significant for these 2 committees)
 - a. Maintenance (Dave Bordelon)
 - b. DPW (Dave Karl)
10. Borough Council Liaison
 - a. Request for administrative support, 2 hours per month.
 - b. Boro allocation of \$25K for invasives/Natural Area. Next steps?
11. Public Comment on Agenda items
12. New Business
 - a. Raised by Dick Fuller since last meeting (some will have to defer until March Meeting)
 - i. Deer overpopulation
 - ii. 50th anniversary of Fair Haven Fields
 - iii. RJ from Monmouth County sharing bid for tree plantings
 - iv. Natural area designation
13. Any other new business?
14. Adjourn