

--FINAL MINUTES--

WESTWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: April, 21, 2014

Opening

Meeting called to order 7:40 pm

“This meeting, which conforms with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, is a regular Environmental Committee meeting. Notices have been filed with our local official newspapers and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board”

Roll Call

Present:	Peter Grefrath (Council liaison)	Absent:	Wilhelm Wang
	Christine Blaney		Coner Odell
	Scott Viapiano		
	Boniface Kiamue		
	Elizabeth Muroski (Secretary)		

Public Forum:

Mike and Patti Waugh, Palisade Avenue residents (Master gardeners for Community Garden)

Mike and Patti wanted to get an update from the Committee on the status of the sign for the garden and to discuss possibly setting up an official grand opening ceremony to kick off the 2014 season. They thought that holding such an event would bring more attention to the garden and create more interest and participation. Patti also alerted the Committee that her email address, on the Westwood Public Bulletin Board, was missing a letter.

-The Committee advised the Waugh's that the sign design sample had already been approved and submitted to Bob Hoffman to send on to sign maker.

-The Committee agreed that an opening ceremony would be a great idea. Grefrath volunteered to be in charge and to set it up.

-The misspelled email would be corrected by DPW.

Motion to close public forum, Grefrath Seconded by Viapiano

Passing of the Minutes

-March 24, 2014 (Blaney, Viapiano, Kiamue, Muroski), deferred to next meeting

Passed unanimously on May 19, 2014

New Business

- Council liaison report, Grefrath
 - Recommended new Committee member, Mike Waugh
 - Vote to approve -approved unanimously
- Nomination of Chairman and Secretary
 - Motion (Grefrath) to vote for Muroski as Chairman; seconded and approved unanimously

- Motion (Grefrath) to vote on Kiamue as Secretary; seconded and approved unanimously
- Committee liaison to Green Team
 - Viapiano still interested in being the liaison if he is able to call in to meetings.
 - Blaney will get Viapiano's name on Team list and will also reach out to Karen Hughes to get him historical meeting minutes.
- Report on Bergen County Environmental Commission Meeting (Wang)
 - Postponed until May.
- New Ideas
 - Discussed numerous ideas for future Committee projects (i.e. a farmer's market in Westwood)
 - It was decided that each Committee member will bring two new suggestions/initiatives to consider.
- Old Business
 - Community Garden
 - Opening ceremony: Grefrath will coordinate with Mayor (& others) as soon as the garden sign is completed and installed.
 - Sustainable New Jersey
 - Nothing to report by Blaney – committee meets every other month.
 - Pride Day
 - We are already signed up. Blaney will coordinate.
 - Need ideas/theme for booth.
- Pending from 2013
 - Blue Acres Update
 - 5th house purchased (Grefrath)
 - Student liaisons to Committee
 - 2 students volunteered but have not yet attended.
 - Longer term plans
 - Solar Parking Canopies in Borough Hall Lot
 - We need to get more information.

Future meeting dates:

May 19

June 16

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15