

--FINAL SEPTEMBER 2013 MINUTES--

WESTWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, September 16, 2013
Attending: Michael (Mike) Ruane (Chair)
Cindy Waneck (Council liaison)
Christine Blaney
Yash Risbud
Elizabeth Muroski

Ruane called meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

- Mike stated that new member, Wilhelm Wang, will be joining the Committee.
- Elizabeth was elected Secretary.
- Christine questioned the current status of a Facebook page for the Environmental Committee.
 - Cindy advised that a formal proposal would need to be drafted and presented to the Council for discussion/guidance
- Discussed using Skype for meetings with Committee members unable to be physically present.
 - Cindy (after discussion with Karen Hughes) said that it was 'totally permissible'
- Reviewed status of Community Garden.
 - Signs still needed for garden, one large *wooden* one (similar to the other signs in the park and a *metal* one for the fence)
 - Large sign: 'Westwood Community Garden
Established 2013'
 - Small sign: For more information, contact the Borough Clerk @ _____
 - Cindy spoke to Mr. Hoffmann (9/17) about the signs. He indicated that the Community Garden grant money may not be used for the signs. A Clean Community grant could be applied for, however, if the sign is made of recycled plastic. Cindy asked Mr. Hoffmann to get quotes for the wooden/metal signs
 - Three more gardeners are interested in plots
 - Eight or nine plots now taken
 - Master gardener, Patty Waugh has webpage
- Discussed status of Committee budget. Money left from garden grant? Cindy will get update.
 - Cindy indicated that there is still \$3,000 in Committee budget
- Talked about how Westwood Pride Day went.
 - Positive overall – numerous applications collected for garden plots
- Mike brought up the fact that the Committee still needs a student representative. He said that he will reach out to his contacts for referrals.
- The Committee discussed solar parking canopies for the borough parking lot, a possible future project. Mike said that he will reach out to contractors that were involved in the Rutgers and Paramus projects to get information/assessment for Westwood's lot.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.