

GLEN ROCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Municipal Building, Harding Plaza, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

MINUTES Meeting of September 20, 2016

Ben Meyer	Chris Leishear	Mary Jane Surrago (liaison Council)
Lesley Elton		
	Sylvia Rabacchi	

Green Team: Laura Occhipinti, Jay Shapiro

Alternates:

Guests: Rich Calbi (Director of Operations, Ridgewood Water)

Call to Order

Site Plan Review – None to report

Planning Board Report

Public Comment –

Agenda Topic/Owner	Key Points	Next Action Steps
Minutes approval	Minutes of August 16, 2016 meeting to be approved.	Minutes approved
Water conservation/ Rabacchi, Meyer	Discussion on the latest ordinance draft proposal	Positive data reported by Rich Calbi (Ridgewood Water, RW) from Summer 2016 showing a significant decrease in water consumption in the non-watering days (30-50% decrease compared to watering days) for the entire area served by RW. Reducing watering to 2 day/week allows more time for the natural replenishment of the wells. Discussed revision of a few last issues for the ordinance with Rich Calbi. The plan is to introduce the ordinance to the Ridgewood Environmental Commission and then have it voted by the Council in October-December. If positive outcome, Glen Rock will follow suite.

Liaison with Schools/ Rabacchi	Update	<p>Two projects funded by SJfs grants from last year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Healthy eating is completed, reports submitted. 2. Recycling project at HS is on-going (educational posters and recycling bin labels printed, to be posted/installed). <p>New SJfs grant opportunities: one small grant for Physical activity/Dance: notified dance teacher Ms Brown at MS and elementary school dance teacher.</p> <p>A 2-10K grant is available for any SJ action: Erica may write a proposal to cover development of sustainable courtyard at MS/HS with Ms McDermott + pilot program for composting of food scraps and trays at MS/HS cafeteria. (needs approval from school administration).</p> <p>Recently identified Community Composting Company can collect at residential/institution sites and compost off-site, using the compost to restore agricultural soil in the Hudson valley (\$22/week, + \$5 monthly fee).</p>
Fleet Inventory/ Meyer, Elton	Update summaries for 2015 Year-end and 2016 First Half	Ben updating inventory of fleet, collecting mileage/gallon and pollutants stats. Some data missing on some vehicles. Goal is to update database twice a year.
Local government Energy Audits/Leishear, Meyer	Planning for implementation with appropriated funding	Ambulance dept and possibly library interested in updating high voltage light fixtures to energy efficient lights. Ben will check the specific process needed to follow for implementation
HEA outreach progress / Meyer	Update on status	Laura may help advertise for HEA on Facebook and town fair
Arboretum education center/Leishear	Statement of GREC to Council in favor of Education building: posted on borough website, letter published in GR Gazette	Council approved unanimously
"It Pays to Plug In" grant program/ Jay Shapiro	Update on applications for the electric vehicles charging Points grant program from NJDEP.	<p>Council passed the resolution last Thursday for GREC to apply for the EV Charging Points grant program from NJDEP. Jay has submitted the applications for 6 charging stations (\$5K each= tot \$30K) to the program managers at NJDEP and Sustainable</p> <p>Applied for six locations in order to earmark the grant funds. If grant gets approved we can decide how many charging stations and where to install. 1 year to implement. Will coordinate with police dept.</p>

Farmers Market Update/ Occhipinti	Farmer's market pilot program	Volunteers needed to help out at the Farmer's Market planned for 3 Sundays in October (Oct 9, 16, 23)
Town use of Pesticide Update/ Occhipinti, Rabacchi	GREC recommends borough Search committee to include experience/interest in sustainable practices in hiring Director for Recreation	Director of Recreation just hired.
Community garden/ Elton	Report on summer progress thus far	All lots taken, no issues with animals
New Business	Key Points	
SJ Annual luncheon/ Leishear	GREC Commissioners and Green team members invited to attend the Nov 15, 2016 Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon in Atlantic City as premier celebration for New Jersey's sustainability community.	
GUGR/GREC Facebook page/ Occhipinti	Discuss potential renaming of the GREC Facebook page	Commissioners approve changing Facebook page "Green Up Glen Rock/GREC" to "Glen Rock Environmental Commission"

Adjournment