

The Re-Organization Meeting of Hazlet Environmental Commission held at 7:05pm. Salute to the flag and a moment of silent prayer called by Chairwomen Eng.

Open Public Meetings Act & Emergency Fire Exits. In Compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Hazlet Environmental Commission scheduled for January 17,2022, was provided in the following manner:

- A. On January 5, 2022, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at 1766 Union Avenue Hazlet, New Jersey
- B. On January 5, 2022, the Public Notice for this meeting was posted on the Hazlet Township Website and published in the Asbury Park Press stating that it will be open to the public.

Fire Exits are in the directions I am indicating farther down at the end of the room, through the doors and down the stairs, directly out the front door.

To my right is the door, make right down the hallway which leads to the stairs and directly out the rear of the building.

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Roll Call:

Present: Com. Isenburg, Com. Freisendorf, Com. Walker, Com. Lipel, Chairwomen Eng, Vice Chairman Pobega, Mayor Tara Clark, Secretary Rachel Hundley, Chris McManus, Christina Johnson

Absent: Com. Lejda, Com. Pallitto, Committeeman Rep Skip McKay

New Business:

1. Introduction of new secretary Rachel Hundley
2. Meeting dates for 2022, meetings held at Hazlet Township, Municipal Building, 1766 Union Avenue Hazlet, NJ 07730 at 7pm (and Natco Building when possible)
January 10, 2022, February 7, 2022, March 7, 2022, April 4, 2022, May 2, 2022, June 20, 2022, July 11, 2022, August 1, 2022, September 12, 2022, October 3, 2022, November 7, 2022, December 5, 2022

Motion: To accept meeting dates above

Offer: Chairman Pobega 2nd Com. Freisendorf

Com. Lejda - Yes

Com. Isenburg - Yes

Com. Freisendorf - Yes

Com. Walker - Yes

Com. Lipel - Yes

Chairwomen Eng - Yes

Vice Chairman Pobega - Yes

3. Environmental Commissioner's Handbook-6th Edition
4. Expectations of all Commissioners
 - Everyone will have an important role
 - Monthly Updates from commissioners
 - HEC webpage & Facebook page- coordinate with Christina our public information officer
 - Bayshore Regional Environmental Council
 - Water Ambassador
 - Representative from Raritan High School Environmental Club
5. Proposed Goals/Objectives for 2022
6. Discuss Educational Programs for 2022 to roll out in Natco Building
7. Natco building furniture

8. Stormwater Management Seminar - May/June
9. Stormwater Management- Update Plan- Mayor Clark
10. Plastic Bag Mandate - Educating the public
11. 2022 Earth Day - Friday, April 22, 2022, Celebrate on Saturday, April 23, 2022, with a rain date of Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 10AM
12. 2022 Hazlet Day - Late September/Early October
13. Donation of a 50-pound bag of bird seed, from Hazlet resident - Annie will plan, Joe will pick up and will store at Natco building.
14. HEC shirts and sweatshirts
15. HEC Resolution - The resolution creating the Hazlet Environmental Commission also establishes an annual report to be made and presented to the township committee.

Citizen Hearing:

No one spoke

Motion to Adjourn Citizen Hearing:

Offered Joe Pobega 2nd Bob Freisendorf

Voice Vote - Yes

Motion to Adjourn:

Offered Joe Pobega 2nd Bob Freisendorf

Voice Vote - Yes

Next Meeting: Monday, February 7, 2022, at 7:00pm

Minutes:

1. Welcome to Hazlet Environmental Commission
2. All commissioners approved meeting dates listed above.
3. Commissioners discussed getting the land use board involved due to storm water.
4. Bob stated that we have to save coastal wildlife, lets clean up Hazlet, and do a study to clean storm drains so wildlife doesn't live in the storm drains. Pick a spot in Hazlet to clean up and do study on our own clean up area. Bob also mentioned putting fence up on Highway 36 to catch garbage from going into Natco Lake.
5. HEC would like to advertise Natco Park more in 2022.
6. Commissioners discussed possibly getting Raritan HS involved and reaching out to their Environmental Club, having 2 students rotate with HEC events. Also, having Joe Pobega attend 1 or 2 of the High School meetings.
7. HEC needs to look at furniture websites and see what furniture would best suit Natco Park.
8. There will be a presentation done by T&M engineering. Joe Pobega says HEC should attend.
9. Mayor Clark updated the HEC that T&M engineers have been working on getting data from the creeks that run behind resident's houses for example Flat Creek and the creek that runs behind Craig Street, we should have an update in about 2 weeks. Hazlet Township wants to come up with a master plan of storm water flooding.
10. Starting May 4, 2022, there will be no more plastic bags in stores. HEC discussed getting the public informed and possibly handing out reusable bags with the HEC name and logo.
11. Annie is going to find out where to order tree seedlings from, discussed it should be around 500 of variety. Joe Pobega came up with a great idea that we can offer to foster a tree where you bring it

home and take care of your seedling and the next event send pictures or have residents bring their tree back to see the growing results.

- 12.** HEC to give out reusable bags on Hazlet Day with literature on recycling.
- 13.** Possibly breaking up 50 pounds of bird seed for residents to pick up and incorporating into bird watch event.
- 14.** Rachel has a friend that makes sweatshirts and hoodies, she is going to reach out and get pricing.