

**Meeting Minutes**

**TEANECK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Monday October 28, 2024**

**Zoom Info:**

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Meeting ID: 896 0374 8548

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**ROLL CALL**

* Present: Yosef, Hildy, Tamara, Peter, Hillary, Michael K, Yehuda K,  
  Absent: David S, Roslyn T
* Guests: Bill Orr, Jaclyn Hashmat, Judith Green

**1. Call to ORDER: 7:34**

**2. SECTION 5 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT:**

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing notices to papers officially designated by the Township, by posting it on the Municipal Bulletin Board and by directing that this statement be included in the minutes.”

**3. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING**

MK motion, PG seconded

**4. GOOD AND WELFARE**

* Jaclyn: A third cleanup for 2025, will be added on a Saturday to allow for others to participate. DPW will plans to put signage up for No Dumping at the Fall 2024 cleanup sites. Asking our grants folks to look out for new opportunities for the EC.

**6. Agenda ADDITIONS**

* Still have an alternate position open

**7. REPORTS**

* October 6 Teaneck Community Clean Up: Hildy, Peter, Tamara - very enthusiastic response from the participants.
* STAB Arbor Day Tree Planting: Wednesday 10/30/24 at 1pm on Teaneck Municipal Green (Peter)
* Advisory Board EC rep reports:
  + MOST referendum is on the ballot (HG)
  + PPRAB exploring opportunities for pocket parks (HG)

**8. INFORMATION**

* DEP-NJ Land Use Protection program amendments, public comment schedule and implementation- Hillary Goldberg <https://dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/rules/proposals/proposal-20240805b.pdf>
  + DPW, Building, and Engineering departments will need to be trained in how to adhere to these new regulations.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

* Trees of Heaven - Hildy, Peter. We received a resident email asking to remove the many trees of heaven along Cedar Lane and other areas throughout town. Peter contacted the co-chairs of STAB.  They confirmed Park trees are the concern of Parks and Recreation (Glenna Crockett).  However, the trees reported were along Cedar Lane. Hildy will reach out to the DPW.

**10. E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE**

**11. SITE PLANS & SUBDIVISIONS**

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

* Teaneck Trails: Yosef and Michael. TBD next meeting.
* Follow up discussions with MOST and PPRAB to support improvements for public use for Argonne Park/Genesee Woods. TBD next meeting.
* No Update on a mitigation plan for Rte. 4 Greenway impact of planned (State) Belle Avenue Bridge repair- Hillary G.
* Complete Streets Walk Audit. TBD next meeting
* Comments to Planning Board on Master Plan: TBD next meeting.
* Isadora Wiener Proposal for Township Neighborhood Compost Program – the EC explored different ways to launch a pilot compost program. The EC will make a proposal for the 11/20/24 meeting.
* Sustainable NJ – Hildy, Peter. We are working towards moving from Bronze to Silver Certification. The Town Clerk is assisting us in doing this.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**