**HACKENSACK RIVER GREENWAY ADVISORY BOARD**

Agenda Monday, October 28, 2024

8:00 PM

Zoom Meet

Attending: Josh Rochlin, Jim Wurm, Christina Pami, Marion McClary

Meeting was called to order at 8:10.

Minutes: September 23, 2024 were reviewed and approved.

**Chair’s report**

Trails reports –

Josh reports that the connecting trail between Camperdown and Indian Pond is now walkable, but the tree is still down across the trail. The gate at FDU is now open most of the time and more people seem to be using Camperdown.

Christina reports that PPRAAB is making assessments of all the parks in town to determine was their needs are. They are also looking at small township lots that could be made into quiet parks.

Marie had a cleanup along the Jordan Wouk River Walk with about 20 students and parents from Primoris Academy in Westwood this month. It is clear that there have been a few campsite set up along the trail and while the kids collected about 20 bags of garbage and other debris, there was still a lot of garbage along the trail by the leaf transfer station.

Marie and Peter met with the township manager on August 30th. See items below

**Old Business**

**1.** MPAP (Municipal Public Access Plan) – still trying to have draft reviewed by NJDEP

HRGAB – Jim Wurm

EC – Peter Goldman

PPRAB – Christina Parmi

Planning Board - Chris Brown

2. Mary Topolsky Garden & Trail – Master Gardeners – meeting every Thursday morning. Master Gardener supervisor plans to do some hard landscaping which involves bringing in a bobcat machine to move and place heavy rocks in the lower area. She was asked to provide information on the name of the volunteer, type of equipment, and scope of the work to present to the township for approval. Work would be planned for early spring.

3. Trail behind DPW – Council commitment for trail. Mayor reports that plans seem to be leaning towards rehabilitating existing DPW yard.

4. FDU easement – Manager was to get update from attorney. Mayor checked on progress, but no update was given.

5. NPS Battlefield grant- applied, results should be given around June.

6. Burial Ground – fencing plan and ground probing radar study. Marie will try and locate the Meadowlands Trust map to give to Jim to send on for ground penetrating radar proposal.

7. Renaming of Indian Pond- Mayor expects that a resolution should go before the council in mid-November or December and expects it will be approved.

8. Hackensack River Nation- Marian reports that a day-long meeting is being planned in January at FDU with groups and elected officials.

9. ADA trail at Jordan Wouk River Walk- Marie and Peter walked the trail with Hugh Carola from the Riverkeeper. Creating an ADA trail would be very difficult and expensive. He will help us in March or April with a two-day weekend work project with volunteers to reopen the trail and with a different layout to move the trail uphill and avoid muddy lowland trail. If we can get the trail open and more people use it, we will be in a better position to apply for ADA funding as most grants look at how many people will benefit from project. Then we may be able to apply to have sections made ADA compliant such as beginning with the northern entrance to the water monitoring device and create a lookout/ sitting area there.

**New Business**

November 13 meeting with Riverkeeper 7:00 PM Rodda Center on Hackensack River Superfund

**Good and Welfare**

Next meetings – November 25, 2024 8:00 PM

Unless noted, all meetings are on the fourth Monday at 8:00 P.M on Zoom

Standing Documents 1- Membership contact information, 2- Invasives,

3- Recommended Natives, 4- Meeting Dates