**HACKENSACK RIVER GREENWAY ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes

Monday, July 22, 2024

 8:00 PM

Zoom Meet

Attending: Peter Goldman, Jim Wurm, Marion McClary, Marie Warnke

Meeting called to order at 8:08.

Minutes: March 25, 2024 reviewed and approved.

**Chair’s report**

New town manager began her tenure on July 1. Marie will request a meeting in August to discuss current issues along the Greenway.

Trails reports- Tree down in Terhune was reported to DPW, Cleanup at Terhune – most of the trash is coming from neighbors along the southern entrance and from river washup along the shore. Lower Brett continues to flood heavily after rains and no mow area has been increasing.

**Old Business**

**1.** MPAP (Municipal Public Access Plan) – Contacted NJ DEP and was referred to engineering. Draft of plan was sent to Dennis Contois for review and awaiting his reply.

HRGAB – Jim Wurm

EC – Peter Goldman

PPRAB – Christina Parmi

Planning Board - Chris Brown

2. Mary Topolsky Garden & Trail – Master Gardeners continue to work each Thursday weather permitting. Native plants coming up are mountain mint, monarda, cone flower, bee balm, clethra, fern, black-eyed Susie and milkweed. More planting will be done in the fall. Japanese knotweed and porcelain berry are still creeping in and need constant control.

3. Trail behind DPW – Council commitment for trail – no update

4. FDU easement – update from township attorney -no update

5. NPS Battlefield grant- applied

6. Burial Ground – fencing plan and ground probing radar study – no update

7. Master Plan including OSP, ROSI and ERI all have been approved by Planning Board this month. Clerk was asked for final copies of documents.

8. Renaming of Indian Pond – no update

9. Hackensack River Nation – River event was held last month and another will be planned next year. FDU is planning a Water Works event on Octobet 1 joining science and art.

10. ADA trail at Jordan Wouk River Walk – Peter spoke with Mike Panos from Riverkeeper at the River Fest at Overpeck. Marie will contact him for more information

**New Business**

Route 4 Greenacres Hearing June 30 – NJ DOT will be taking Greenacres land at Gaylord Park for Belle Avenue entrance lane and will need to replace that loss of open space with purchase of other open space in town. This might provide funding to purchase of the two properties along the river at Cedar Lane and next to 1500 River Road.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**Submitted by:**

Marie Warnke