**HACKENSACK RIVER GREENWAY ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes Monday, November 25, 2024

8:00 PM

Zoom Meet

Attending: Christina Parmi, Jim Wurm, Peter Goldman, Marie Warnke

Guest: Bill Orr

Meeting called to order at 8:15.

Minutes: October 28, 2024 were held to next meeting.

**Chair’s report**

Trails reports- Christina, Josh and Steve did a long walk on November 17. It was noted that even with about 8 weeks of drought there were sections of the trail that was muddy and water logged, which indicated the river water level is rising.

Meeting with Manager Hashmat – She is very supportive of the Greenway and reported that Council has passed a resolution to rename Indian Pond. FDU easement is moving ahead with attorney, DPW yard is still under study.

**Old Business**

**1.** MPAP (Municipal Public Access Plan) – update

HRGAB – Jim Wurm

EC – Peter Goldman

PPRAB – Christina Parmi

Planning Board - Chris Brown

2. Mary Topolsky Garden & Trail – Master Gardeners completed 2024 work and will regroup in spring.

3. Trail behind DPW – Manager is consulting with Leonia to see if there is any possibility of settling land dispute with county. Leonia is will to have Teaneck join with them, but some of their DPW has expanded onto County land and this needs to be settle before they can formally develop a plan with Teaneck.

4. FDU easement –township attorney is moving ahead with finalizing easement

5. NPS Battlefield grant- results will be available in June.

6. Burial Ground – fencing plan and ground probing radar study

7. Ceremony for renaming of Indian Pond Chief Ronald Holloway of the Lenape Nation will be helping with a renaming ceremony for the spring and in design of a sign which the DPW will make.

8. Hackensack River Nation is meeting on February 25 at FDU with Dr. Chris Obropta from Rutgers Water Resources speaking on stormwater management plans.

9. ADA trail at Jordan Wouk River Walk- Riverkeeper will set up in March or April a weekend to work on trail improvements. The southern entrance is waterlogged most of the year and trail will need to be moved to a higher level inland. The northern entrance is county land and we will ask county to help with water on trail.

**New Business**

Hackensack River Superfund- Riverkeeper reports that we are at the first step of determining site and plan to begin cleanup. The bend at Kearney/ Jersey City has bee identified as a highly polluted area. Core samples are being tested, industrial companies that were along the river responsible for chemicals in the river need to be found and held responsible for financial assistance in cleanup. Plan for this section will probably be to suction up the riverbed to remove the pollutants and not cause further spread to other parts of the river. Cleanup will take decades to complete and then need to be continually monitored.

**Good and Welfare**

This is Nadia’s last meeting and we thank her for her service and wish her well as a Board of Education trustee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Next meetings – December 23, 2024 has been cancelled. Next meeting will be January 27, 2025 at 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