

**Date: September 5, 2024**

**Start Time: 7:05 pm**

This meeting is held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4-1 et seq. Annual notice having been forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

### **Roll Call**

Voting members:

- Mario Caballero, Chair
- Geoff Varty, Vice Chair
- ~~Sandra Millward~~
- Doug Pecota
- Robert Parkanyi
- Danielle Kearsley
- ~~Sandra Butcher (Planning Board Liaison)~~
- Amelia Reitman, Alternate #1
- Dan Aguanno, Alternate #2

Non-voting members:

- Amy Switlyk, Council Liaison
- ~~Brianna Casario, Watershed Ambassador~~

**Open to Public:** No attendees

### **Approve minutes**

- August Meeting (Eligible members Mario Caballero, Geoff Varty, Sandra Millward, Doug Pecota, Robert Parkanyi, Amelia Reitman, Dan Aguanno)
  - Approved unanimously (RP proposer, DP seconder)

### **Correspondence**

- No correspondence received.

### **Reports**

- **Council**
  - Windy Hill land acquisition. Appraised at \$1.3 million, land owner wants \$2.5 million.
- **Planning Board**
  - No attendance
- **Open Space**
  - Issue with dogs not on leashes in public spaces, e.g., Windy Acres, Bundt Park, etc.
- **Green Team**

- Bicycle Study at Bundt Park. Reached out to GoHunterdon and waiting to hear back
- MC met with Mayor Mullay to review potential Sustainable Jersey initiatives that the township could work on.
- Green Fair & EV Show - 23 vendors signed up, trying to recruit a few more. 16 EVs signed up. Dealers bringing EVs for test drive. Maplewood police EV car coming. Signs going out Sept 13-14. Amelia to post on some Google classrooms at NHHS, posters not allowed in the building.
- **Site Plan Review Subcommittee**
  - County Arboretum
  - Crown Vet
- **Watershed Ambassador**
  - No attendance

### Old business

- Danielle - Latest on E-Coli sampling along the Rockaway Creek
  - Collaborating with Readington Twp on issue. DEP agreed to analyze water samples and fund analysis.
- Danielle - Highlands Watershed Advisory Committee update.
  - Meeting planned for September. Report back next month.
- Dan / Danielle - Prostack West - Riparian Reforestation - [Raritan Woods & Waterways Grant Program - Raritan Headwaters](#)
  - Robert Lucas from RH will be onsite for the planting. Toured site with DA and AS. Recommended phased planting (2 phases).
  - 8000 trees to be divided amongst the grant awardees. Tree order needed for the end of November.
  - DPW will need to clear invasive growth in the Winter (one full day, overtime payment). MC to ask DPW to estimate the area that can be cleared in a day.
  - Ideally, Spring planting (Phase 1).
- Sandra - MS4 update from Planning Board - no update
- Budget Update - budget to spend before the end of October.
  - Corn for hunters
  - Free water testing
  - Fair/stall
  - Green Team/EC - t-shirts, baseball caps
  - Green Team/EC Canopy

### New Business

- Mario - EV Charging Stations at Bundt Park
  - Three proposals received. MC to follow up with one of the companies.

### Upcoming Events:

- September 27 - ANJEC Conference
- September 28 - Highlands Green Fair and EV Car Show

**Open to Public**

**Motion to Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:19 am (Proposer DP, Secunder RP)

**Business for next meeting (Thursday, October 1):**

- Review plan for Riparian Reforestation including finalizing Phase 1 and Phase 2 areas and determining area size to forward to Robert Lucas for the calculation of tree number.