



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

DATE/TIME/PLACE

December 13, 2018

	Present	Absent
Laura Hoogstrate	<u> X </u>	
Eileen Boland	<u> X </u>	
Mary Daly		<u> X </u>
Brian Mitchell	<u> X </u>	
Bonnie Stewart		<u> X </u>
Patty Almberg	<u> X </u>	
Dave Kraft		<u> X </u>
Councilwoman Busted		<u> X </u>
Pam Gould, Alternate	<u> X </u>	
Gennaro Rotello, Alternate		<u> X </u>

AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

Name	Address
<u>Brandon Cho</u>	<u>RDHS Environ Club</u>
<u>Lindsey Adler</u>	<u>RDHS Environ Club</u>

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised the October River Clean-up was extremely successful and another clean-up will be scheduled for the spring. Questioned whether they want to schedule that clean-up in May or June, so they can plan to participate in the bi-State Clean-up. Advised last year was their first year they were involved in the bi-State clean-up.

PATTY ALMBERG: Questioned if there is a date for the bi-State clean-up.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised it is at the end of April. Stated they requested \$1,750.00 for the 2019 Budget and that the boat shed is in good shape, it just needs minor repairs. Suggested it is a good project for the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts to take on. Stated the life vests were in terrible condition, as the mice get at them, and a container in the shed to keep them protected would be a good project for the Scouts as well. Asked Patty to talk about Trex.

PATTY ALMBERG: Advised they collected almost 700 lbs. of stretch plastic in 6 months and the challenge was to get 500 lbs.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated their plan was to increase awareness for people to see how much plastic they are using and possibly cut back and hopefully people are taking those bags to Shoprite to recycle now that the Trex is over.

MEMBER: Suggested to explain what to do with the plastic on the website, as she is still collecting the plastic and does not know what to do with it.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Indicated that goes back to the town-wide mailer and recycle coach, which they will discuss. Questioned the students about the stream monitoring and what they were going to be doing.

LINDSEY ADLER: Stated as far as she knows just testing water.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised one of the things the Borough is responsible for is getting education about water testing, storm water runoff out, etc. out to the public and since the students are involved, the Borough would get points for that, as there is a point system the Borough Administrator keeps track of. Stated she is not sure if the Trex bench has arrived, since they met the 500 lb. goal Trex created a bench and they choose a dark brown color and will leave it up to the Recreation Department as to where in the park it will be placed and it will be a Memorial Bench for John Lynch.

PATTY ALMBERG: Questioned the students how the videos on recycling were coming along.

BRANDON CHO: Stated it is going great.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated Bonnie is working on the website and there is not a lot on the page, but it has been updated regarding the members and dates of the meetings.

Advised the recycle coach is an interesting free app and they are currently in a trial period, but she is not sure how many people are using it.

MEMBER: Questioned who updates the recycling information.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised it would be Lisa Hessman, who is the recycling coordinator, Dario Chinigo or herself, who would be responsible to update the calendar. Stated the biggest work is the town-wide mailer, which is what Eileen is checking on. Stated one side of the flyer is done, but the second side is not. Discussed placing information about the recycle coach on the flyer and advised the Borough needs to get information out to the residents about storm water. The Borough indicated they would pay for part of the mailing if that information was included in the flyer and stated to possibly put a paragraph indicating why the flyer is being mailed out. Stated if they can get the flyer together in a couple of days, they could get it out using 2018 budget monies. Advised they need to come up with a blurb for the recycling coach and Lisa can make the flyer quite easily once she has the content.

BRIAN MITCHELL: Questioned if \$1250 would be the cost of mailing.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Said yes and there is \$1750 left in the 2018 budget.

LINDSEY ADLER: Questioned if there is anything in particular children should do to help the environment.

PATTY ALMBERG: Questioned what the Environmental Group in school is doing.

LINDSEY ADLER: Stated they are split into 2 groups, PSA is one group and the other collects information regarding trends and what needs to be fixed. Advised they see a lot of water bottles in the cafeteria they would like to touch on.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Questioned if there are fountains to refill water bottles.

BRANDON CHO: Stated they do have fountains.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated there is no reason to have a water bottle.

PATTY ALMBERG: Questioned if the students included anything on the plastic water bottles in the script for the PSA. Advised she has been helping out in Roosevelt and Cherry Hill and the students counted at the lunch tables how many people had plastic water bottles, reusable containers, and they were thinking about selling reusable water bottles, but she was impressed how many students brought reusable containers.

LINDSEY ADLER: Advised a lot of people bring lunch and half bring reusable lunch boxes, but most bring paper bags.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Suggested the Environmental Action Club put together social media to other kids indicating why it is cool to recycle.

MEMBER: Stated you need to show the bigger picture of what is happening worldwide, such as the image of all the plastic in the oceans and the damage it does to sea life, that it is not just one little plastic bottle, as it turns into many plastic bottles.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised the Watershed Ambassador has an Enviroscope watershed model and is very close in getting it into the schools to work with the class rooms, which is part of Americore.

MEMBER: Questioned if you want to put something about the idling on the flyer.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Suggested working that into a paragraph, as you want to get all the information out to the residents at one time.

LINDSEY ADLER: Suggested putting a picture of a sign that says "No Idling" on the flyer.

BRIAN MITCHELL: Suggested placing the Instagram page on the bottom of the flyer to let people know they can follow the Commission on Instagram.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated the three R's are great, Reduce first as we use more than we need and over package everything, then Reuse.

MEMBER: Stated when you go to the store there are some choices you can make but some stuff you cannot avoid. Advised she was amazed about how many items she had that came in plastic and questioned how she can buy that product any other way.

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