



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**

**DATE/TIME/PLACE**

**September 20, 2018**

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

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS:**

**Name**

**Address**

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**PATTY ALMBERG:** Updated the members on the Trex Challenge. Advised they already reached the 500 pound goal and will probably end up over 600 pounds. Stated they need to get the word out that people can still recycle the plastic bags by bringing them to Shop Rite or Whole Foods, even Best Buy.

**BONNIE STEWART:** Suggested sending an email blast to the schools advising them their boxes are not available anymore and to have a sign at River Edge Day.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Advised the box will stay at the library until the end of September, the box at St. Peter's did extremely well and was taken away. Stated doing the Trex Challenge she questions whether she really needs that bag when she goes to the store and ultimately would like people not to use the plastic bags. Asked Bonnie to give an update on the Social Media.

**BONNIE STEWART:** Stated they posted about Glen Rock and Leonia are collecting Styrofoam over the weekend, September 22 & 23, and is still trying to get Facebook up, but should have that done by River Edge Day. Advised the shredder will be at River Edge Day from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the same day as the River Clean-Up.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Advised Bonnie will have a boy scout, Jacob Dapper, to help out and Laura will help out.

**BONNIE STEWART:** Advised she has a banner for the table, a raffle for a Whole Foods Basket with a gift card. Stated if anyone has a picture or something that can go on the Facebook page to send it to her.

**EILEEN BOLAND:** Questioned if she got credit when she dropped off the plastic bags.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Indicated it is easy, she drops the bags off at Whole Foods and it is done by honor code. Advised the River Sweep is scheduled for Sunday, October 7, which is also River Edge Day and the Hackensack River Sweep. Indicated they put the boats up in Oradell and they come down the river and River Edge pulls in the boats and garbage. Stated the dumpster, cones, boats keys for bathroom and shuttle bus are confirmed. Kaitlyn is looking for someone to captain the safety boat and to drive the shuttle and asked if someone can pick up equipment from the County, which she did last year and more than likely will do it this year. Advised they need someone to take care of the pizza.

**BRIAN MITCHELL:** Stated he can take care of the pizza.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Advised River Edge Pizza Kitchen charged \$11/pie, so we can stay with them or look for a better deal. Stated they need 5 pies at 11:30 and 5 pies at 12:00. Stated sometimes Sopranos in New Milford, who has children in the River Dell school system, may give you a better price.

**BRIAN MITCHELL:** Indicated La Toscana told him in the past they do not have the man power for large orders.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Advised Pam, Laura, Brian, James Dapper, are scheduled to be at the sweep. Brian's tent and Laura's table will be used by the River and at River Edge Day it will be the Commission's table and tent.

**BRIAN MITCHELL:** Advised they should be able to get into the shed at KBG.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Stated Laura will be send out a reminder email out and is planning to get everything for River Edge Day before the start of Sweep. Advised they need someone to pick up the storm water display from Alan at Borough Hall prior to Sunday. Indicated she can pick it up on Friday.

**BONNIE STEWART:** Stated she will pick it up at Patty's house.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Advised Jacob Dapper is a Boy Scout who needs hours, so he will be doing the River Sweep and River Edge Day. Advised the Recycle Coach app is up and running and when you first down load it River Edge is broken into 3 sections and you select what section of town you are in and it gives you the household hazardous waste collection dates, along with the County information.

**BONNIE STEWART:** Stated she needs to get that to load as she wants to be able to tell people about it on River Edge Day and how to download the app.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Advised it is very easy to download and it is very interesting.

**BONNIE STEWART:** Questioned if it will tell you the recycling days in town and what section.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Advised that it does tell you when the recycling days are once you put in your section of town. Indicated it can be put on social media. Stated they are looking for a sign with the Trex total on it to display on River Edge Day.

**BONNIE STEWART:** Stated she can make up a poster, but needs the total to put on the poster.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Advised the flyer is almost ready to go out and was thinking to put something on the other side of the flyer so as to not waste the space, such as how to recycle better or storm water information. Advised the Borough pays a fee to have the storm water drain into the Hackensack River and with that River Edge has obligation to meet, such as education and the flyer is an opportunity to place something for that. Advised there is a storm water display that could be done at River Edge Day next year, or at the schools, which would also give the Borough points.

**BONNIE STEWART:** Questioned what the points are for.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Advised it is so the costs does not go up and the water does not need to be sent somewhere else. Stated this is something that can be discussed at the next meeting.

**BONNIE STEWART:** Stated she is trying to certify the Commission and they need points and was thinking if these points were on the certification maybe the town could use them.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Indicated they would like to put the Recycle Coach on the back of the flyer as well. Stated Laura mentioned to be a political flyer, as they are heavy stock, but they need to get some prices. Advised they can see what each political group on the Council uses and get some prices that way, but it is something they need to do by the end of the year. Advised there is \$1700 in the budget and the costs should cost about \$1500, including mailing. Next meeting is November 15, 2018 and Laura is going to request the meeting be held in the Council Chambers as Dave Kraft and the student rep., Brandon Stow, will be getting officially sworn in on that evening. Stated for the next calendar year if they stick with the current schedule, the third Thursday of the month, the dates would be 1/17, 3/21, 5/16, 7/18, 9/19 and 11/21. Questioned if Thursdays were still okay for everyone and if any meeting dates should be added.

**BONNIE STEWART:** Stated the Commission has a lot going on, good communication, students are involved, and great projects which there wasn't in the past, and feels there should be at least 6 meetings.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Indicated to decide in November as they meeting need to be posted.

**EILEEN BOLAND:** Suggested putting a date in April, which is when the River Clean Up usually is and the May date is after the clean-up.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Questioned how Green Team is doing.

**BONNIE STEWART:** Stated this year they need to be recertified, and requires a lot of work. Stated meeting wise and project wise, there is a lot going on in this Commission that can help with that. Advised the two teams are sort of combined and it is hard to separate them, but you need the Green Team in town in order to be certified.

**PATTY ALMBERG:** Read an article from Bill Ervolino requesting people who have a story to share on recycling to contact him. Stated she is thinking about contacting him, but does not want to give her name.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**