



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**

**DATE/TIME/PLACE**      7/19/2018

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Laura Hoogstrate</b>	<u>X</u>	
<b>Greg Ogden</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 Almberg</b>	<u>X</u>	
<b>Councilwoman Busteed</b>		<u>X</u>
<b>Pam Gould, Alternate</b>	<u>X</u>	
<b>Gennaro Rotello, Alternate</b>		<u>X</u>

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
<u>David Kraft</u>	<u>- 244 Kinderkamack Road</u>
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LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised Gregg Ogden has moved from River Edge and David Kraft has consented to join the Commission. Stated she will submit his name to the Mayor for appointment. Indicated the web site has been updated since the last meeting and the digital flyer is almost done. Stated the cost of doing a town-wide mailing is \$1500, and is not sure that is in the budget but it can possibly be shared with DPW or another Borough entity and there are other options that can be checked into.

BONNIE STEWART: Stated she thinks that amount is reasonable and it will save money long term.

PATTY ALMBERG: Stated a lot of people place recyclables in plastic bags and suggested to highlight where it indicates not to bag your recycling.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised she spoke with the Mayor and he is working on getting the information for the financial incentive for people to recycle, which can be included with the flyer.

DAVID KRAFT: Indicated to include what was stated at the last meeting, that if you are not sure if it gets recycled, throw it in the trash.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised you do not want to get the recycling kicked back.

DAVID KRAFT: Stated he does not know what the requirements are to get it recycled, but it would be good to include that information on the web site, so everyone knows where the threshold is.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised the person to speak to regarding that is Fred Petrone, as he was the one who sent her Glen Rock's flyer, and she will send him River Edge's flyer once it is done for him to check it over. Asked Patty to give a Trex update.

PATTY ALMBERG: Stated they are pretty much on target with reaching 500 pounds. Advised the Library bin was full again, which is three times in one week.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated considering they are not on social media, people must be sharing the information about recycling with their neighbors.

BONNE STEWART: Questioned what happens after you have collected enough.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised the Trex Challenge is officially over and Glen Rock was looking into whether there was a contractor that would recycle the plastic bags in order to make some money, but so far they have not found any information, but they did tell their residents to bring the plastic bags to the grocery store.

BONNIE STEWART: Questioned who Shop Rite gives their bags to for recycling and would they work with the town.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Indicated Glen Rock is looking into that and since they are ahead of River Edge to let them do the leg work.

DAVID KRAFT: Stated he can make a call to Shop Rite.

PATTY ALMBERG: Advised Whole Foods is where this Commission takes the plastic to and they have a contract with Trex, but we are not sure who Shop Rite has a contract with to recycling the plastic bags.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated August is a busy month for Patty and questioned if anyone else is available to pick up the bags.

BONNIE STEWART: Advised she is available except for the second week in August.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised the last day to bring your plastics will be on River Edge Day in October. Stated she is not worried about not making the 500 pounds, as it is more of the awareness getting people to realize not to throw that out in the regular trash.

PATTY ALMBERG: Stated the biggest thing is the water bottles.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised the River Sweep is Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but will be decided by the tides. Indicated the River Sweep is not like the River Clean-Up, as boats are not put in the water. Stated River Edge is the end of the line and boats are put in New Milford and Oradell and they come down the stretch of the Hackensack collecting trash and River Edge pulls it out. Advised they need volunteers to take the trash out of the boats, pull the boats in and get the boats ready to be placed back in the water.

DAVID KRAFT: Questioned if you want him to see if the Boy Scouts can help out.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated she loves having the Boy Scouts there. Advised she is still working on getting a high school student to join the Commission. Indicated she had a high school Boy Scout approach her who is looking for an environmentally based Eagle project and she suggested working on the boat shed and asked him if he would like to join the Commission.

DAVID KRAFT: Advised he saw a sign that New Milford has a recycling app.

BONNIE STEWART: Indicated someone mentioned that to her as well, but she does not know anything about creating an app.

PAM GOULD: Suggested having a Boy Scout add the app to the web site and it could be used as a Gold Award project.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated she would like to promote their connection with the Scouts, as it is a win all around. Advised she still has not received confirmation they got the mini-grant.

BONNIE STEWART: Indicated she would like to get the school involved in creating a float for the Green Team and Environmental Commission to use in the Fourth of July Parade to let everyone know about the Commission. Stated she also needs things to post on social media regarding the Commission.

PAM GOULD: Questioned if it could be things you see that you are concerned about that are environmentally oriented, or if it needs to be just River Edge oriented.

BONNIE STEWART: Stated she believes it is just to bring awareness in general.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised they have an extra Trex bin and questioned if you want to place that at St. Peter's. Stated they started accepting cartons, which can be added to the flyer, as most people do not realize you place them with your glass and cans recycling.

MEETING ENDED.