



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

DATE/TIME/PLACE 3/15/2018

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

AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

Name

Address

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Patty and Mary suggested that these seventh graders start a Recycling Club at RDMS.

Next we discussed the River Clean Up scheduled for Saturday May 12th from 8-12

Laura said she would talk to Greg about ordering the shirts. She mentioned that we could do pizza as in the past or switch to bagels for this early morning clean up. Bonnie suggested that we look into using Hot Bagels.

Next we discussed participation in the Bi-State Watershed Clean Up.

Laura mentioned that since it is planned for April 28th - 2 weeks prior to the River Clean Up, we should consider other areas in town that could be cleaned up since all trash impacts our watershed.

Brian mentioned the East Brook Nature Trail.

Patty suggested asking input from the DPW.

Members agreed with the suggestion of one of the student presenters to make it a Kinderkamack Corridor Clean Up. Ellen said she would bring the idea to the Council.

It was discussed that we could notify River Edge Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops to take part in this clean up.

Brian said the best way to organize it would be to have volunteers meet at a central location to obtain bags and get a route along Kinderkamack. Volunteers would then be asked to bring all trash back to deposit it in one central location. KBG was mentioned.

Bonnie filled us in on our new Instagram account: re_environment and our upcoming Facebook page.

Next we discussed some things that the Glen Rock Environmental Commission/Town Council have been working on.

The Trex Challenge – This is a recycling program for plastic bags/plastic film which then gets upcycled into Trex composite deck material.

Glen Rock uses the same recycling contractor as River Edge and they have put together materials to keep residents informed about what and how to recycle. This would be good information to post on the Facebook page and/or the town website.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

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