

Seaside Park Environmental Committee
Minutes of April 12, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Ann Hayes at 7 pm in Council Chambers, 6th & Central Aves.

1. Call to Order 7:00 pm
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call – Maureen O’Haire

Ann Hayes
Denise Koury
Edie Klink
Maureen O’Haire
Lynda Roberts
Sherry Villano
Greg Penn (excused)
Ray Amabile
Jane Mason (excused)

4. Minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve DK, second AH carried.

Business:

5. Butterfly Garden

Educational Sign: Sign was ordered. Cost \$573.17. Installation May, 2017.

Plants: Pansies were donated by Sue Masoorli and Maggi Husar. Flowers were planted by members of the Beautification Committee.

Vinca and Lantana will be purchased and planted in early May. The EC will coordinate with the BC for a date. MO’H will request a \$100 purchase order from the town to cover costs.

The town will supply mulch for the garden. A date will be set for a Spring clean up of the garden and to cut back the grasses.

AH has contacted Eric, DPW, about a sign advertising the Butterfly Garden at the entrance to the 14th Ave. pier. Eric reported that a metal sign for the backer board would be fine. The NJ State Dept. of Corrections will make it for a nominal fee. The standard size is 18” by 24” either portrait or landscape layout. AH will create a PDF for the sign and forward to Eric for a price quote.

The Marina Town Events sign advertising the Butterfly Garden will be on hold until Greg returns. \$200 has been budgeted for this sign.

6. Butterfly Release

The butterfly kits and refills are ordered with an early May delivery. We ordered 25 kits and 15 refills for \$691.50. (These numbers were updated since the meeting.) The release date is Sunday, June 4th. MO'H will contact Mayor Matthies and ask him to officiate. AH will compose facts and details about the garden for him. We need a singer this year for the event. MO'H will follow up.

7. Butterfly Magnet

The butterfly magnet letter was mailed, drawings are due back by April 30th. The EC will vote on winner(s) at our May meeting. Depending on the return, we may have more than one winner. DK has reached out to two magnet companies.

Last year's brochure will be updated and used at the release. A thank you to the Board of Education, Karen Barna and others will be inserted into the brochure. Information on ordering kits and refills will also be included.

8. Local EC groups and programs. This topic remains on hold till Greg returns.

New Business

Budget Review – AH reviewed our numbers and we have approximately \$1,500 available.

Native Plants at Public Works Garden. AH suggested that the EC update the Native Plant garden on Barnegat Ave. outside the DPW building. AH will talk to Eric about the EC replacing overgrown plants with new native plants. \$100 was proposed for this project.

Trash Removal – SV reported that Saturday garbage removal has not been approved. She will try to get home owners to get involved.

Bayfront Flooding – SV is scheduling a meeting with Bob Martucci, Town Administrator, to discuss Bayfront flooding. This problem needs attention from the town, the county and the state. Cleaning the storm drains and the use of duct bill valves was discussed. SV will contact other committee members to attend meeting.

Plastic Project – The reuse of plastic lids/tops to make a bench is cancelled due to cost.

Adjourn. 8 pm. Motion to adjourn Edie, second Denise was carried.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2017 7 pm Council Chambers