

Seaside Park Environmental Committee
Minutes of June 14, 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 (excused)
Maureen O’Haire
Lynda Roberts
Sherry Villano (excused)
Greg Penn
Ray Amabile (rayseaside199@gmail.com)
Jane Mason

4. Minutes of the May 10 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve DK; second RA.

Business:

5. Butterfly Garden

Release

Sunday, June 4th, Butterfly Release was a success. 40 kits/refills were distributed. There were approximately 60 people in attendance.

Ann reported to the Mayor and Council at the Council meeting. She distributed the butterfly magnets to Council Members.

Suggestions: Prepare a handout explaining how to get the butterfly kit/refills.
Put information on the website about the kits listing the link for kits.

Link: <https://www.nature-gifts.com>

Research if other butterflies are available since we have used Painted Ladies for the past three years.

Butterfly Magnet Contest –

Contest was a huge success. The distribution of the 100 magnets was well received by the attendees.

Next year, we will look into using other avenues rather than the Board of Education for reaching out to children in town. Contest will be designing a poster rather than a magnet.

Weeding/Watering

Committee members volunteered to weed/water the barrels at the Butterfly Garden. See attachment .

14th Ave. entrance sign

Sign was installed at the entrance to the garden by DPW. All agreed how great it looks!

Garden Markers

Garden markers for new plants have been ordered. All markers will be taken down in the fall.

Follow up for next month: A brochure box that will be placed at the Barnegat Garden with information on native plants donated by Sherry. Concern: brochures being thrown away, littering the streets.

6. Marina Town Events sign for Butterfly Garden

Greg will follow up.

7. Budget \$3,500/year

At this time, we have approximately \$1300 remaining in budget.

This includes \$200 for the Marina sign.

New Business:

- Budget review: \$1250 estimate remaining
- Planting/Watering
 - Vinca and Lantana will be planted on Tuesday, May 16 at the Butterfly Garden. Anyone available to plant would be appreciated.
 - One new Drift Rose plant is needed. MO'H will get a PO for Home Depot.
 - AH will be responsible for the DPW garden this year.
 - The EC is responsible for watering the barrels at the 14th Ave Pier and weeding the garden. The garden has a sprinkler system. Each member should volunteer 3 weeks.
 - Edie signed up for July 2nd, Aug. 6th, Sept 3rd.
- Beach Badges Ray Amabile suggested that we run a contest for the 2018 Beach Badge designs. RA's email address: rayseaside199@gmail.com RA will discuss proposal with Bob Martucci, Town Administrator.
- Ocean Bracelets Jane suggested we look into plastic beaded bracelets to support clean beaches. She will follow up.
- EC Website Our website is not updated. It does not have our 2017 Goals and there is a misspelling, partners. AH will follow up.
- Fall Speaker Denise will look into a speaker from the American Littoral Society for September.
- Stargazing AH will forward info on our last Stargazing project to JM. Jane will follow up on a Stargazing night in the fall.
- NJ Environmental Committees Greg reported there are 60 – 70 EC in the state. There is a \$300 yearly fee to become a member. Since we are an Advisory Committee, not a commission, we don't know if we are eligible to join. GP will research.
- Bayfront Flooding Sherry reported the meeting about the Bayfront flooding with Bob, our town administrator, was cancelled. She will request another meeting asking that Pam Hella, our town engineer, be present. SV suggested that the town needs to be more aggressive

with the State and County and that a meeting with residents be organized. Cleaning the storm drains and trimming the trees along the Bayfront are additional ideas to stop the flooding.

Adjourn 8:20 pm Motion to adjourn DK; second JM.

Next meeting: June 14th 7pm Council Chambers