

Seaside Park Environmental Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting July 12, 2017

1. Call to Order - the meeting was called to order by Ann Hayes at 7:03 pm in Council Chambers, 6th and Central Avenues
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call - Edie Klink
 - Ann Hayes
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 - Maureen O'Haire (excused)
 - Sherry Villano
 - Greg Penn
 - Denise Koury (excused)
 - Lynda Roberts
 - Jane Mason
 - Ray Amabile (unexcused)
4. Minutes of the June 14, 2017 were reviewed. Motion to approve EK, second LR, carried

Old Business

5. Butterfly garden - The weeding/watering schedule for the summer was distributed. The new roses south of the garden are those needing water. When the garden is cleaned and cut back in October, some of the plants will be divided. People can then take them home to plant. Sherry offered a plastic brochure holder that Ann will get some info about the garden can be available, as people stopping often ask questions about the garden. One can also be put at the garden by the DPW garden to provide info about that garden.
6. Wooden sign at marina lawn - A draft has been submitted to Eric W. It can probably be done in house.
7. Star gazing - potential dates are 9/9 or 9/10 - need to check with Island Beach State Park. Jane is trying to contact Rebecca (from ??) and will try to get something for a takeaway who attend - i.e. Google Sky map. Sherry can duplicate flyers and will distribute the tickets from her office. For publicity, we will ask for a reverse 911 Social Call from the town and send a mailing to school families in town.
8. Fall speaker - Denise will get in touch with the American Cultural Society once the date for Stargazing has been set.
9. Bottle Refilling Station - Eric responded to our inquiry about installing one of these at the ball fields. He said it would have to be a new free standing item and would be too expensive. We discussed a different location - on the outside of the bathhouse or the building across from the ball fields. It would be a wall type, not freestanding. Ann has asked him about these possibilities and will follow up.
10. Rain barrel - Ann suggested that we look into how to make one that has a useable spigot that could be an example for others to follow. This discussion prompted talk of the

2 planters in front of Town Hall, maintained by the Garden Club. Edie will bring the topic of the overgrown, unkempt garden in front of Town Hall to the Beautification Committee to see if they would like to partner with us to buy new plants for it. The town would need to mulch, weed, and water once the garden is redone.

11. No August meeting - Ann will let Karen know that the meeting is cancelled so notice can be posted to the town website.
12. Legislation that will stop "net metering" for home solar - Currently if a homeowner has solar panels on their house that generate extra electricity, the extra goes back to the electric company who then pays the homeowner for it, as an incentive to put up the panels. The pending federal legislation would put an end to this. Denise wants people to be aware of this. This issue is beyond the scope of our committee/town.
13. Farmers' market - vouchers for plants as incentive to attend speaker program? Ann will look into some nurseries about this.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.