

## **Environmental Commission, April 12, 2018 meeting**

**Attendance:** Ann Marchioni, Rob Edelstein, Jane Kinkle, Councilman Jonathan Lace, Douglas Piazza, Phoebe Epstein

### **Agenda:**

#### **Old Business**

##### 1. Open Space Update

Ordinance was introduced March 6, comes up for vote at next meeting per Jonathan April 17; Jonathan believes there is council support for it.

##### 2. Earth Day schedule/Doug Tallamy Update

10am-12:30pm

will have regular info table, display of sustainable jersey materials we've gotten, display of what Sustainable Jersey is, table for plastics/oceans, table for raptors (library)

Tallamy fee is \$2,182, including travel

Conservancy: \$400

Environmental Stewards of NJ: \$250

Conserve Wildlife: 150

Roseland: \$50

Putting logos on the flyer

**Total: \$850**

Therefore approx. \$450 from each town commission

##### 3. Garden Report – camera – tilling – plugs from Pineland Nursery

How many red oak seedlings they'll be donating to us to give out? We'll ask, optimistically, for 100 and if we have extras, will ask around

Garden: We've had another "package" at the property. We have a detective assigned and work is being done on it

Town gave permission to do tilling

We have received free swamp milkweed plugs from Pinelands Nursery

##### 4. Website/ Facebook

Jonathan volunteers to do the Facebook page

Rob will email everyone about plans of ways to update/check the stuff that's on there  
Council has not decided yet on a social media policy after discussion; want to hold off on adopting any one policy as they update website first

Mr. Carelli is tasked with the update. Jonathan's lowest quote is \$9,600 for a complete redo, with it remaining on their own platform (as Q-send does now) instead of an open source platform. Doug has been working on one in his spare time because the town hasn't spoken to him about doing one.

##### 5. HS Results

A few students were there when Ann went to meet. Karen Browne will send flyer to students. Relationship begun with students.

6. SJ grant revision

We're revising the 2017 Sustainable Jersey budget. Ann will send out finalized version  
Want 250 Pollinator plugs, swamp milkweed  
Hoping to show 20-minute version of Plastic Oceans film at Essex County Environmental  
Commission, focus this time is on plastics  
County Commission has no money to pay the fee

7. Open Space Grant – not applicable

Ann called ANJEC about this; grant is for town property only. Jane questions whether  
people could have their own pollinator patches on residential property. Talk about it for  
next meeting: developing pollinator garden on your own property.

8. William Paterson Earth Day Report

Ann and Jane went to Green Fair there. Number of participants grew as the day went on,  
gave out flyers, etc. made some connections  
Jane: List of invasive plants: for our website?  
Workshop at the library?

**New Business**

1. Tree City Invitation

Mayor has invited us to Riverton April 26 or 27 for Tree City notification; we've been a  
Tree City for 20 years

Jane, through Rutgers, is 30 credits in for continuing education landscaping program to  
be completed by mid-Fall, forestry program

Didn't get chosen from EarthShare for their green fair challenge

2. one site plan

8 Cleveland Street, near Cloverleaf—it has already been denied  
We agree with the zoning official; there's a lot of proposed lot coverage, up to 78%, it's  
not in compliance  
Concerns about the amount of coverage; urging board to hold to existing ordinances

3. Essex Fells participation

4. Ann showing Wings of Life movie to second, third and fourth graders