

Minutes Of September 13, 2018

Attendance: Ann Marchioni, Ann Martin, Councilman Jonathan Lace, Phoebe Epstein, Jane Kinkle, Sr. Jean Goyette

Agenda:

Old Business

Leaf Bagging: Discussed putting information about the virtues of bagging leaves on EC website. We could photograph storm drains during leaf collection season to show how they get clogged.

Open Space: The Council voted to update the open space plan. Land Conservancy will do the job for \$10,000.

An ash tree has been treated for leaf borers.

Ann submitted an achievement award request for the Tallamy talk to ANJEC.

The Boy Scout finished the paths in the Personette Street garden.

Ban the bag: There is a new resolution to ban plastic bags, but it doesn't need to pass if a new state law is approved. The previous resolution supported the use of reusable bags. A suggestion was made to create a sign for Shop-Rite to remind people to bring their reusable bags.

New Business

Plastic cups are not recycled in all the places that provide them. Is there a way to get merchants to do this? Most stores and coffee shops don't have recycling.

Is there money to get bins for businesses?

A motion was proposed to amend the recycling ordinance to provide a consumer-facing recycling bin in businesses. Motion passed.

A motion was passed to introduce a resolution to encourage the bagging of leaves.

The monarch way stations are doing well per Jane Kinkle.

She would like some professional help with the garden behind the middle school.

Ann Marchioni has copies of the film "Wings of Life" for each school.

She would like teachers to show at least part of it to each class.

Can we get points for Sustainable NJ for composting?

Storm Water Management: What can homeowners do to help?

Rain gardens are one possibility. We should combine with Verona and West Caldwell on possible actions.

We need to find a way to work with Terracycle.

The Verona Green Fair is 10/13. Ann would like to show "A Plastic Ocean" there but needs to find a venue.

Jonathan will talk to the Police Chief about enforcement of the anti-idling law. Currently there doesn't seem to be any enforcement.

9/22 is the deadline for comments on the compressor.

People are requested to express their opposition because of its negative impact on wetlands.

St. Al's is having a Green Fair. Ann will provide materials.

Agudath Israel will show "A Plastic Ocean."

9/28 is the Caldwell University Day of Service. A group will volunteer at the Personette St. garden.

Submitted,
Phoebe Epstein