



Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the January 2024 Regular Meeting of the Environmental Committee

Attendees: Sophia Church, Tara Church, Stephanie Fumo, Lucy Sheer, Tanara Hall, Denise Summer, Dana Fallon, Alan Nichols, Fred DeFeo, Susan Thompson

Absent: Judy Caldwell Pool, Danielle McConnell

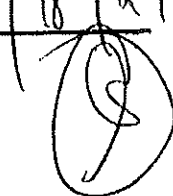
Visitors: Susan Walsh

Meeting was called to order at 7:06

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
Current Unfinished business	Eleanora Church Girl Scout Gold Award on Pesticide Use and the benefits of Bats - Ongoing			
IH Env. Committee Ordinance	Environmental Committee is an advisory board to Mayor and council Resolution of Support to Green Team 2023-24 Discussion was held on having more separation of Green Team and Environmental Committee or changing the original Env. Committee Ordinance Powers			



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and Duties to
Include the duties
the Green Team
does

Separate agendas
for Green Team
and Environmental
Committee

Advisory Process

Adding advisory
process to the
ordinance, a
formal process for
env Committee to
make their
comments to the
Mayor and Council,
written

Environmental
concerns will be
given to our
council liaison, to
be read in council
meetings and put
in the public
record



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Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass
Approve Minutes	Tara Church	Denise Summer	All In Favor	Y

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



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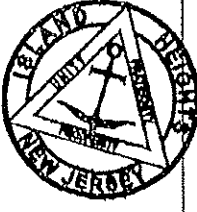

February 21, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Committee

Attendees: Fred DeFoe, Sophia Church, Stephanie Fumo, Danielle McConnell, Judy Caldwell, Dana Fallon, Susan Thompson, Alan Nichols, Lucy Sheer

Absent: Tara Church, Denise Summer, Tanara Hall

Visitors:

Meeting was called to order at 7:03

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
IHEC/Green Team Coordination	<p>Green Team certification for the year is supported by the Environmental Committee</p> <p>Fixing the town ordinance that established the Env Committee to include the Green Team responsibilities</p> <p>Advising Mayor and Council will continue</p>		<p>RECEIVED Office of the Island Heights Borough Clerk</p> <p>DATE: 4/18/24</p> 	
Sustainable Jersey Green Team Resolution	To complete certification for Sustainable Jersey need a town resolution in support of the Green Team	To send the past resolution's wording to mayor and council	Tanara Hall	ASAP
2024 Advisory Role	Giving advice on maintenance	Go through past actions and continue	Tara Church and Sophia Church	Next Meeting- March 7th 2024

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	activities for new parks and town plantings Native plant landscaper recommendations Allowing Environmental Committee to be involved in offering recommendations to the borough on where and what to buy for town's plantings	ongoing projects		
Tree Grant	Look into getting a grant to plant more trees within town			
Tree Ordinance	Update the tree ordinance, higher fine for not replanting a tree, lower fine to replant a tree	Look into recommendations for the Tree Ordinance; what accreditation should arborists have to make recommendations for tree cutting, recommendations for the costs of tree cutting vs planting to encourage planting of trees and less tree removal	Lucy Sheer and Judy Caldwell	ASAP
Pesticide Use	Eleanora Church's Girl Scout Gold Award project focuses on decreasing pesticide use and	Plan education campaign and talk about pesticide use Town TV Channel ad on pesticide use		

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	natural alternatives			
Earth Day and Arbor Day Event Ideas	Tree giveaway or sale for arbor day Wildlife habitat certification Information blast Earth Day Native tree glveaway Collection			
Micro- Recycling Collections	Discussion was held to fund collections for Battery box Current programs- textile recycling through Helpsy, awarded bench for plastic bags and film recycling	look into what Micro- recycling programs we want to participate in	Stephanie Fumo and Tanara Hall	ASAP

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass Y/N
Approve Minutes	Lucy Sheer	Dana Fallon	All in Favor	Y
Adjourn Meeting	Lucy Sheer	Stephanie Fumo	All in Favor	Y

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



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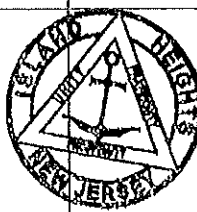

March 20, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Committee

Attendees: Judy Caldwell, Tara Church, Sophia Church, Danelle McConnell, Dana Fallon, Tanara Hall, Susan Thompson, Allen Nichols

Absent:

Visitors: Caroline McFarland, James Bower

Meeting was called to order at 7:05

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
Tanara Hall Chair Person	Fred DeFeo has resigned as Chair Person, Tanara Hall has agreed to be our chair person for the year			
Guest Speaker	Caroline McFarland, DEP/Americorps Watershed Ambassador Program, came to our meeting to talk about the current programs she's working on and future project ideas IH could be part of		 RECEIVED Office of the Island Heights Borough Clerk DATE: 4/18/24 	
Dillons Creek Garden and Maple	Look into whether the property is private or not and schedule a cleanup of the area Education about what the recycling center accepts,			

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	recycling guide put with water bill to be sent to all residents			
Best Practices Guide for Lands	<p>Resources found by Lucy Sheer and Judy Caldwell about the native trees and plants that could be replanted, to be posted on website</p> <p>Incentives for tax payers who have native plants and replant after tree removal</p> <p>DEP model for tree ordinances, look into what recommendations and requirements our tree ordinance should have</p>	<p>Send Information to Susan to post to Website</p> <p>Make recommendations and requirements for our Tree Ordinance</p>	Lucy Sheer and Judy Caldwell	Asap
Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification Overview	Tanara Hall presented on our past certification actions and current certification status for Sustainable Jersey	<p>Look into arts programs in town</p> <p>Get involved sheet, Top 10 Tips to be more Sustainable</p> <p>Planning Board Diversity Survey</p> <p>Stockton University Energy Audit</p> <p>Put link on town website about food</p>	Everyone on the committee	

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		pantry Update construction recycling booklet Look into water conservation ideas, and anti-idling signs Bat Box at memorial field for Eleanora Church's Girl Scout Gold Award as Innovative Community Project		
Resolution for the Green Team	Appointed members and Green Team resolution has been completed			
Earth Day Program	April 20th, Composting program at Borough Hall, clean-up, clothing swap at IHGS gym, plant swap			
ANJEC Dues and Project Grant	Discussion held on applying to ANJEC Open Space Grant, to replant the Methodist Camp grounds			

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass
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				Y/N
Approve Minutes	Dana Fallon	Judy Caldwell	All in Favor	Y
ANJEC Dues and	Tara Church	Tanara Hall	All in Favor	Y
Application to ANJEC Open Space Grant	Tanara Hall	Tara Church	All in Favor	Y

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


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April 17, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Committee

Attendees: Danielle McConnell, Dana Fallon, Denise Summer, Susan Thompson, Allen Nichols,
 Sophia Church

Visitors:

Meeting was called to order at 7:06

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
Sustainable Jersey	Divide the Sustainable Jersey categories to have people fill out the different sections	Add Env Committee members to IH Sust Jersey point system	Sophia Church, Tara Church, Tanara Hall	ASAP
Earth Day	Event on Saturday 9-1, composting workshop, bat house workshop, helpsy textile recycling, native plant giveaway			
Community Tree Recovery Program	Each county has tree distribution dates, to be distributed at Earth day			
Homegrown National Parks	Program to help convert property to help in sustaining the environment Have an educational event at town hall to educate residents on what they can do to make their			RECEIVED Office of the Island Heights Borough Clerk DATE: 5/22/24

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	properties more environmentally sustainable			
ANJEC Dues		Send ANJEC Dues to Susan to fill out through the Borough Apply to ANJEC Open Space Grant	Tara Church	
Maple Ave. Cleanup	County has cleaned the culvert area Research is being done about whose property it is to allow for more cleanup			
Native Plant Guide	Borough has been sent it, DPW and Council are asked to consult it when considering new plantings Uploaded to Website			
JCPL Data	Has been sent to Tanara and Tara for the Sustainable Jersey Certification			

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass Y/N
Approve Minutes	Dana Fallon	Allen Nichols	All In Favor	Y

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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May 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Committee

Attendees: Dana Fallon, Denise Summer, Tanara Hall, Tara Church, Lucy Sheer, Sophia Church

Meeting was called to order at 7:05

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
Sustainable Jersey Certification	Submission for second deadline round passed Submitted around 185 points, which should be approved for bronze certification	Will work towards Silver Certification for the July deadline	Tara Church and Tanara Hall	July
Grant Opportunities	Looking into grants that would help borough with administrative work costs			
Earth Day	Thank you to everyone who volunteered Have more trees and plants next year Plant cuttings/swap meet advertised			
Invasive Plants	Japanese Knotweed cleared by D			



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Approve Minutes	Denise Summer	Dana Fallon	All in Favor	Y
Buy Sunscreen Station Refill	Tara Church	Denise Summer	All in Favor	Y
Formal Reecommendation to Town and Council for Weed Killer	Tanara Hall	Tara Church	All in Favor	Y

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Attendees: Sophia Church, Dana Fallon, Denise Summer, Stephanie Fumo, Judy Caldwell

Absent:

Visitors:

Meeting was called to order at 7:12

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
Sustainable Jersey	Deadline for final submission is July 31st, aiming for Bronze certification	Go on Sustainable Jersey Website and update actions	Tara Church and Sophia Church	July 31st
Sailfest	Tabling the event with IHGS PTO More details to be discussed in August and September over email			
Tree Ordinance violation	Violations of the tree ordinance with cutting down of trees, and without permitting	Ask town council for clarification on tree ordinance regulation and address the violation issues		
Badge Permission for Parks in Town	Badges required to use playground equipment in town	Express concern to town council over this new badge implementation Support petition against this new rule from the IHGS PTO		

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Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass Y/N
	Denise Summer	Dana Fallon	All in favor	Y

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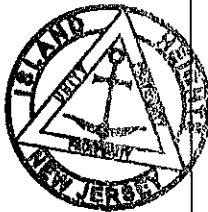
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September 2024, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Committee

Attendees: Sophia Church, Tara Church, Tanara Hall, Susan Thompson, Allen Nichols, Danielle McConnell, Lucy Sheer, Dana Fallon, Judy Caldwell, Denise Summer

Visitors: Eleanora Church

Meeting was called to order at 7:02

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
Sailfest 2024	<p>Successful Event Educated residents and visitors on invasive species, Japanese Knotweed and Clematis</p> <p>Eleanora Church demonstrated and educated on bat houses and other pollinators for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project</p>		<p>RECEIVED Office of the Island Heights Borough Clerk DATE: 4/17/25</p>	
Yard Care	Share with residents the best practices of residential lawn care for fall and winter	Spread recommendations from Jersey Friendly Yards through social media, flyers at post office and recycling center, post on website	Tanara Hall	December
Light Trespass Ordinance	Discussion on enforcement of town's light ordinance as it will encourage predator species in town			

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	Bird species need lights shut off during their migratory season			
Pumpkin Composting Event	Aiming to have collections after Halloween and Thanksgiving of pumpkins, mums, and cornstalks to compost	Decide on dates and contact town for it	Tanara Hall	Before Next Meeting
Recycling	Discussion was held on the recycling figures in town 50% of waste is recycled			
Playground Equipment Repair	Quote sent from company it was originally bought from, \$47, for paint and mallet replacement			
Gold Award Project Bring Back the Bats	Eleanora Church presented on her project's progress Finishing her hours and website			
Sustainable Jersey	Currently approved for 210 points Likely qualifying for Bronze certification this year			
2025 DPW Action Plan	Create recommendations for the upcoming year for the Department of Public Works Look into educational credits			

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	for DPW focusing on environmentally friendly practices			
	Action plan would include, planting, lawn care, pesticide use, and native plant recommendations			

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass Y/N
Approve Minutes	Tara Church	Dana Fallon	All in Favor	Y
Approve using budget for the Playground Equipment Repair	Tanara Hall	Lucy Sheer	All in Favor	Y

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.


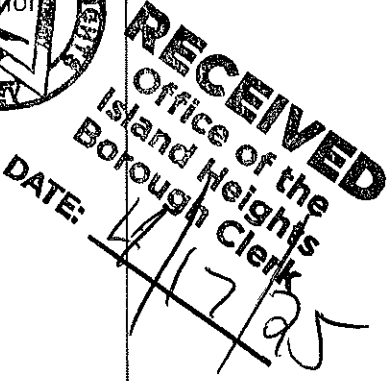
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November 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Committee

Attendees: Lucy Sheer, Dana Fallon, Danielle McConnell, Sophia Church, Susan Thompson, Dana Fallon, Denise Summer, Tara Church

Visitors:

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COMPLETE BY
Sustainable Jersey Luncheon	Tara, Sophia, and Susan attended the SJ Luncheon Awarded Bronze Certification			
Sustainable Jersey Plans for 2025	Create a detailed itinerary for the Council to explain the plans for SJ next year Focusing on Arts and Creative Team, Utilizing Creative Assets, Lead Outreach program, Building Healthier Communities, Innovative Community Projects, Green Grounds, Digitizing Public Information, Recycling Education and Compliance	Reach out to 4th Grade School about the certification 	Tara Church 	
Raptor Perch		Compile research into	Denise Summer	Next meeting

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in Community Garden	<p>Discussion held on making a raptor perch for the community garden</p> <p>Create a plan to request a perch for the hawks at the Community Garden</p> <p>Providing natural repellent to rat issue</p>	the details of building a perch		
Residential Yard Care	Post best practices for winterizing yards on Post Office bulletin board, tv channel, and website			
Playground Equipment Repair		Send P.O. to borough for Playground Equipment Repair	Susan and Tanara	Asap

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Pass Y/N
Approve Minutes from September	Lucy Sheer	Dana Fallon	All in Favor	Y



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