

## 1/3/24 Meeting

### CALL TO ORDER – Kerry Bass

#### a) Open Public Meeting Act Compliance Statement

#### 2) ROLL CALL

Kerry Bass  
Dan Murray  
Jack McEvoy  
Christine Liaukus  
Melissa Meany (visitor)  
Bob Prout (zoom call)  
Jami Bjornstad-Bal

#### 3) ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES - adopted

#### 4) REPORTS OF MEMBER COMMITTEES

##### a) Environmental Commission

- Junior Commissioner - received 13-14 applications and chose 2.
- Tree giveaway - NJ Tree Recovery - coincides with Earth Day Clean-up at Grove Park (April 20th)

##### b) Shade Tree Commission - No new news, meeting next Monday

##### c) Town Council - New building on Pompton

#### 5) NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### a) Heat Island Action – Planning Board Feedback

- Presented Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, went through report
- Shade tree is looking to install around the lower field (maybe in early Spring), just need to sort out budget/finances - recommend to look into Tree replacement fund through the Tree Ordinance to assist in financing
- Shopping Plaza - need to talk to the business owners - try to convince at least painting the roofs white
  - Incentives for Private companies? - Christine to look into
  - Any tax incentives?

##### b) Everett Field

- Artificial Turf is still in the current plan, but may not stay
- Westfield coalition to ban turf state-wide - held kick-off meetings
  - Westfield did a door-to-door campaign to stop an artificial turf installation
  - “Safe Playing Fields” online is a good source of information
  - Turf requires maintenance that people don’t know about, then the service life is only 8-15 years
  - Stop Green Acres funding being used on artificial turf
- Get MSU/PSEG green program students to do a research report on artificial turf vs natural grass - Kerry applied
  - Kevin O’Sullivan can assist with the grant application - Kerry will set up a meeting
  - Impervious contributing to drainage issues, pollutes waterways

##### c) SJ Actions & Initiatives

- Application due Feb 25th (1st round); July 31 (3rd round)
  - Can submit at any round, but only get feedback in the 1st two rounds
- Certification Webinar - Kerry will send out presentation
- Will meet this month to work on the application (Kerry and Jami will share Jan dates)

##### d) SV Public Info Sessions – Composting January 18th @7:00 PM

- Passive House - target around Earth Day (tentatively the 18th)
- Electric Vehicle - target around Earth Day (tentatively the 20th)

- Lambertville did an Earth Month in conjunction with the Library - we should do the same - Kerry will set up a meeting with the Library

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Have a flier on Instagram - would like to get a Junior member/student liaison to help with that in addition to create a connection with Sustainable Schools

7) ADJOURNMENT