**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, June 22, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK**

**MINUTES OF SUSTAINABLE RP**

**May 11, 2023**

Chair Leslie Olson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was published in The Record and the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Members present were Veronica Leone, Leslie Olson, Janet Harris, Rita Raftery. Absent: Gloria Rivera. Ex Officio Members. Excused: Guillermo Lopez-Acosta, Harry Menta, Dennise Santana, Dan Raftery, Nicole Terrarosa. Also present as invited guests were Tiffany Chen and Josephine Carangui.

The minutes of the April 27, 2023, meeting were approved on a motion by Veronica Leone and seconded by Rita Raftery. All were in favor of the motion.

**Payment of bills:**

PO#53096 - $ 182.00 – Sharp Printing Plus – Tablecloth

PO#53115 - $1,400.00 – Bergen Instant Printing – 200 signs – No Mow May

**Hearing of Citizens:** Key Club MembersTiffany Chen and Josephine Carangui were present as invited guests.

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**Correspondence****:**

* Email dated 4/25/23 from John Adams Re: Sustainable Bergen County Hub Fluorescent Bulb Disposal.
  + He is very impressed that we recycle fluorescent lightbulbs and batteries and wants to motivate Teaneck to do it as well.
* Email dated 5/9/23 from Janet Malool Re: Resignation from SRP
* Copy of email dated 5/10/23 from Commissioner Olson to Janet Malool thanking her for her time on SRP
* Email dated 5/10/23 from Michael Savino Re: Invitation to Project Citizen presentation on 5/24/23 @ 11:39 a.m.
* Email from Tara O’Grady Re: Newsletter deadline is 5/24/23.
* Leslie advised members that there is an open house at the civic center on 5/16 for those age 60 and above to learn about things offered to seniors.

**Reports:**

* **Sustainable Jersey Planning – Submission Deadline 5/12 – Second Round**
* **Environmental – Veronica Leone**
* **Arts and Culture – Nicole Terrarosa**
* **Health and Wellness – Barbara DeLuca and Leslie Olson**
  + - Health Assessment Questionnaire ready. We need to get 500 points to be gold.
    - Leslie is putting a proposal together to submit to Commissioner Gerken regarding distribution to the general population so that we can get at least 130 responses, which is 1% of 13,000. Meeting on 5/24/23.
  + **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations** – BOC must decide if they are pursuing this at this time.
* **Plastic Bag Drop off locations.**
  + Might want to check the apartment buildings around town. Leslie will work on getting contacts for the apartments.
  + Terracycle – collecting disposable razors and Legos as well as sneakers at Earth Day.
  + Plastic bottle caps – Dennise is working on this. Leslie ordered a Terracycle container for Grant School.
  + Janet Harris is also looking into daily disposable contacts as well as cigarette butts.

**Old Business:**

* Newsletters: Summer Newsletter – suggestions? Deadline is 5/24.
  + How to properly recycle cardboard – compact or tie it up.
  + Maybe a cheat sheet on recycling
* Health Fair/Blood Drive – date is 10/14/23.
  + Stopped accepting new vendors – have about 52 but some have not definitely been confirmed.
  + Checking with K of C how many tables fit. Bobby Lee said he can assist with a floor plan to fit more tables and provide the smaller tables as well.
  + Will collect donations for Food Pantry
* Slide show for the Paper Shredding/Hard Plastic Collection/Second Chance Toys Collection.

[April 22 - Earth Day Slide Show | Village of Ridgefield Park NJ](https://www.ridgefieldpark.org/sustainable-ridgefield-park/slideshows/april-22-earth-day-slide-show)

**New Business:**

* **No Mow May –** meeting held at civic center on 5/3/23. Signs are in and available at DPW and library for those who signed up. Currently, there are over 30 people that have signed up.
* **Earth Day** – scheduled for May 20, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  + Sneaker Impact Inc – collecting sneakers for recycling at Earth Day. Key Club will handle collection on Earth Day at their table.
  + Also collecting: disposable razors, Legos. Dennise will be collecting bottle caps with Grant School and the EC will continue with the crayon collection.
  + Veonica and Janet Harris are available. Leslie can’t get there until around noon. Harry is unavailable. Dan and Rita Raftery will be away.
* **Key Club –** Tiffany Chen and Josephine Carangui said they would like to clean up a park over the summer.

They will speak to Commissioner Portorreal about this.

* NJDMV Mobile Unit – maybe do this in 2024 and invite, Bogota & Little Ferry
* Dates to Keep in Mind:
* **2023 Certification Application Cycle Timeline Released:**

**FIRST ROUND SECOND ROUND THIRD ROUND**

* Submission Deadline February 26 **May 12**  July 27
* Return Date Early April Mid-June Mid-Sept.
* **5/20/23 – Earth Day 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
* **9/23/23 – Swap & Shop**
* **10/7/23 – Street Fair**
* **10/14/23 – Health Fair 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. @ K of C Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
* **10/21/23 – Rigid Plastics Recycling and Second Chance Toy Drive, Cereal Boxes for Food Pantry**

A motion was made by Rita Raftery and seconded by Veronica Leone to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

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Respectfully submitted,

**Barbara DeLuca**

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cc: Commissioner Mark Olson