



**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, May 4th, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room**

MINUTES

1. **Roll call:** Freda Van den Broek, Lisa Rathke, Derek Strohl, Ryan Wallin, Eric Ryer, Jeff Maxon, Anthony Young, Patti Lemkuil, Christina Brickner, Jon Crain, Tom Mlada
2. **Approve minutes from April meeting:** Approved
3. **Budget Update:** TJ Middle School may use our account to temporarily hold money raised from rain barrel sales; Environmental Committee will issue TJMS a check of equal value; Treasure report approved
4. **Public Comments:** No public visits
5. **Relevant Committee updates** **8:35**
 - **Update:** Committee membership: Welcomed new members Ryan and Jon; Derek to distribute a new roster and has requested that when received, committee responds with preferred mode of communication
6. **Old business** **8:40**
 - **Update:** Results of Earth Week planning with TJMS: Clean up day went well; Anthony and Lisa volunteered; 90% of kids were motivated to make impact; Earth Week went very well as well; appreciative of all the volunteers who manned stations - kept kids very engaged for 15-20 minutes throughout rotation; recycling-composting-singing; Eric & his wife to volunteer for Tree Planting with Jon and possibly Derek; tree varieties to include oaks, ohio buckeyes, horse chestnuts (all seedless) 11:50-1:50pm on Friday
 - **Update:** 2016 Priorities
 - *Sponsorship/Fundraising initiative*
 - Beer Garden: October 22 is available - very weather dependant, high risk based on date; requires \$250 fee to Park & Rec Department; requires investment of beer/food/music; Unanimous vote in support of hosting Beer Garden on October 22nd; **\$250 fee due to Friends of Park & Rec**
 - Banners
 - Rain barrels: We have approximately 25 rain barrels left over; was \$2500 donated investment from Kleen Test to make event happen;
 - Private funding conversations: Letter updated; sponsor levels adjusted to better align with City's previous banner initiative; Recommend Park & Rec approval for banner display; proposed to discuss Upper Lake Park as additional option
 - *Sister City relationship with Sassnitz:* City has approved \$1k match; Jon and Tom and possibly Russ Croger, Randy and Dan Becker to go to Sassnitz; Accommodations and transportation to be cared for by Sassnitz
 - **Update:** Summer internship
7. **New business** **9:15**
 - Review and Discuss: City Parks & Rec "Adopt-a-Park-Garden" Program:
 - International Migratory Bird Day planning and promotion and High Flyer options:

- Update: Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety Flag initiative

8. Next meeting and future topics of discussion

- Discuss “Sustainable Design Guidelines”
- Discuss Smart Street & Sidewalk Development “Resolution of Support”

9. Adjourn

9:30

Committee mission:

The Environmental Planning Committee's mission is to advance policies that will foster environmental, economic, and social sustainability by identifying and promoting the most efficient and responsible stewardship of our resources. The Committee aims to nurture a culture of sustainability in which a balanced approach to best management practices along with smart growth and education engages and leads our city towards an environmentally enhanced future.