



**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, June 1st, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room**

MINUTES

1. **Roll call:** Christina Brickner; Derek Strohl; Eric Ryer; Lisa Rathke; Jon Crain ; Tom Mlada, Freda Van den Broek; Patti Lemkuil
2. **Approve minutes from May meeting** Approved
3. **Budget Updates**
 - o Beer Garden deposit (\$250) was completed to Friends of Park & Rec
 - o Currently overdue on International Sister City membership fee (\$415 - due June 30th) - Need to determine if the Environmental Committee the right organization to own this fee - will explore cost sharing this cost with district and re-evaluate
 - o Green Tier Energy Benchmarking Position may drop (captured under anticipated expenditures)
4. **Public Guests/Comments:** Bryce Knaub (Intern)
5. **Relevant Committee updates** **8:40**
 - **Update:** Committee Membership: Don Voigt has resigned
 - **Update:** City Volunteer Appreciation: BOGO sale this weekend for City Volunteers on the Denis Sullivan
 - **Update:** NOAA “Get Into Your Sanctuary” weekend (June 24-26): Will hold gathering (local mayors & universities) on June 24th
6. **Old business** **8:50**
 - **Update:** Recap of Earth Week activities with TJMS (build-outs for next school year)
 - o Suggestion to be more involved in Earth Week film festival
 - o Work directly with the teachers next year
 - o Potential projects:
 - Working on city nursery
 - Lincoln school tree planting
 - Upper Lake Tree planting
 - Birchwood Hills
 - **Update:** 2016 Priorities
 - o Beer Garden: *plan to return a percentage of proceeds to the community and share initiative with Parks & Recs department*
 - o Sponsorship/Fundraising initiative - *Will be on June 9th Parks Committee meeting; recommendation is to think about banners in ULP because light poles are smaller and shorter which is an increased potential for vandalism; Only 3 available in Coal Dock Park; another spot is leading up across from Veterans Park; Need to research hardware costs*
 - o Green Tier partnership
 - **Update:** Sister City relationship with Sassnitz; Jon, Ross Kroeger, Tom, Randy Tetzlaff to travel to Germany
 - **Update:** Summer internship (EPC initiatives and work for Intern?): Derek & Rob/Ross to meet with Bryce;
7. **New business** **9:15**

- Bird City High Flyer options: Bryce could support this
- Discuss “Sustainable Design Guidelines”: Rob might ask Bryce to support this
- Discuss Smart Street & Sidewalk Development “Resolution of Support”: Not discussed

8. Next meeting and future topics of discussion: *No meeting in July*; Establish foundation; part time sustainability director; research opportunity for Bryce

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.