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ENVIRONMENTAL SHADE TREE COMMISSION

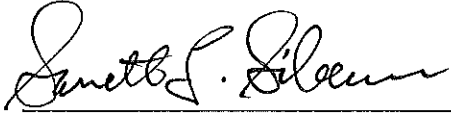
MINUTES – Tuesday January 16, 2018

1. Chairman Pivinski calls meeting to order, 7PM City Council Chambers, directing Secretary Giberson to read the Open Public Meetings Statement and call the attendance roll.
2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:** Statement read.
3. **ATTENDANCE ROLL:**
 - a. Present: Nancy Sabino, Garrett Giberson, Roy Helfrick, Jim Henry, Russel Lewis and Gerald List and Tom Pivinski.
 - b. Absent: Amy Quinn, Tom Kulesa and Paulette Fant.
4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (October 18, 2017): The matter was tabled. The Commission did not meet in November and December of 2017.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
Non Profit Status—Jim Henry expects the processing of our application to be completed in about two weeks.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Welcome new commission member, Gerald List.
 - B. 2018 Planning - 2017 Annual Report presented by Chairman Pivinski—see attached. Giberson suggested Tom incorporate highlights of the Report in his weekly “Coaster News” Column. Several 2018 Projects, including the VFW Monument on Fifth Ave, the Community Gardens, Landscaping Plan for the Municipal Complex, Deal Lake Ran Garden, Floating Islands and irrigation issues, were discussed.
 - C. Green Team—Russel and Roy attended the January 16th meeting of the Green Team (see attachment). They indicated that the City currently has a “Bronze” rating. A goal of the Team is to elevate the City’s rating to “Silver” status. The Commission should support this effort by revisiting the I-Tree program and participating in a Green Fair to coincide with the April 22, 2018 Earth Day/Arbor Day celebrations. The City Administration indicates they would fund the I-Tree Program.

7. Adjournment—No further business, motion by Garrett Giberson to adjourn, 2nd by James Henry;
Vote: all yes—Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 20th, 7PM in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



GARRETT L. GIBERSON
ESTC Secretary

cc:
City Manager Michael Capabianco
City Clerk Cindy Dye
Commission Members

Asbury Park Environment and Shade Tree Commission (APESTC) Annual Report -2017

Preliminary to listing the accomplishments of the APESTC in 2017, it should be noted that aside from commission meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, the commissioners and approximately 10-15 of 112+ volunteers meet every Wednesday and Saturday from March through the first week in December monitoring the city's tree canopy and creating, maintaining and developing future perennial gardens. These biweekly Greenings are publicized on the ESTC's Facebook page as well as on a local website, Next Door, and in a widespread email to the 112+ volunteers.

The chair of the APESTC also writes a weekly Environmental column (A New Shade of Green) in the city's local paper, The Coaster, which is dedicated to teaching, encouraging and inviting city residents to participate in the APESTC's projects.

The following is a list of the projects accomplished by the APESTC in 2017 which will be followed by another list of planned 2018 projects.

- 1. Floating Islands discussion began in concert with Baykeepers of NY/NJ to naturally remediate the algae problem on Sunset Lake.**
- 2. Emerald Ash Borer kit distributed to all APESTC members and volunteers (<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/EAB%20ActionKit.zip>)**
- 3. ANJEC Grant – Grass Planting on Sunset Lake – An \$800 grant to plant Dwarf Fountain Grasses along the Northern perimeter of Sunset Lake was obtained by the APESTC. 60 grasses were planted and mulched by an APESTC team of 23 volunteers.**
- 4. Earth Day was celebrated in conjunction with the Women's March group. The event, using volunteers, outlined the letters SAVE THE EPA on the Asbury Park Beach and was videotaped via a drone. Copies of the event were sent to the White House and the EPA. Over 125 people were in the outlined letters including children and elderly adults.**
- 5. Arbor Day Proclamation was announced and signed by Mayor John Moor at City Council and a specific Arbor Day column in The Coaster was written for the education and attention of the newspaper's readership.**
- 6. Community Garden – The 24 raised bed Community Garden was prepared and planted by 30 volunteers. Each of the beds was planted with foodstuffs specific to the needy Asbury park people: collards, okra, beans, mustard, tomatoes, peppers, squash, sweet potatoes, etc. All produce is distributed free of charge every Wednesday and Saturday morning 9-11 AM by 7 APESTC volunteers.**
- 7. Merchants Park, located on Main and Cookman Ave is the city's green welcoming garden which was created by the APESTC, the city's DPW, and the financial support of**

the local business owners who raised \$5K to develop the garden. It has become one of the city's most admired and visited gardens.

8. Veteran's Plaza – Formerly known as Press Plaza, this garden space on Cookman, Mattisson and Emory Aves has been restored, replanted and maintained by the APESTC. It has been outlined in Belgian block donated by a local business owner, Johnny Mac, who also donated additional block to outline two other gardens created in 2017, the "A.P. Garden" on Lake and Emory as well as the "Pollinator Garden" on Lake and Heck.

9. The "A.P. Garden" is an 80 Knockout Rose Garden in the initials of Asbury Park. This garden was developed by the APESTC and the Friends of Wesley Lake. Nearly 40 volunteers planted and mulched the garden following the assistance of the city's DPW which scraped the grass cover and leveled the garden area.

10. The "Pollinator Garden" was the last new garden to be planted in 2017. Once again, the APESTC, the DPW and the Friends of Wesley Lake developed this perennial garden for the purpose of inviting and encouraging insects, butterflies and birds to establish domiciles in Asbury Park.

11. A 1st Anniversary Remembrance of Pulse Night Club killing was organized by the APESTC at the Library Square Park Memorial site where 49 flowering Spring trees were planted in 2016 to memorialize the lives of each person killed in Florida. The planting was sponsored by the APESTC, the Sunshine Girl's Charity and Barlow's Flower Market in Manasquan. The trees were water bagged and watered 3x each week in 2016 from June through October and then 2x a week in 2017 by APESTC volunteers.

12. APESTC Garden Tour – July 13, 2017 – 15 APESTC volunteers staffed city gardens explaining the gardens' origins, plantings and inviting onlookers to join the APESTC email Volunteer list. Approximately 75 people toured the gardens.

13. With the exception of Merchants Park Garden which has an irrigation system, all the other gardens require manual watering during the growing season which usually means 2-3x's a week. Those gardens are: "Trolley Triangle" on Emory and 8th, the "Circle Garden" on 7th and Main, Press) "Veterans Plaza", "A.P. Rose Garden", "Pollinator Garden", "Pulse Tree Garden", "Community Garden".

14. The APESTC joined the Quality of Life Committee chaired by a city council member to restore 9 large planters at the Transportation Center. Each planter received new soil, food, a Crepe Myrtle tree and mulch.

15. The Floating Island which was first discussed in January 2017 was built by the APESTC and 20-25 volunteers and placed in the southwestern portion of Sunset Lake near Bond Street with indigenous perennial water plants.

16. Tree Federation Meeting October 19-20, 2017 – Members of the APESTC attended the Tree Federation Meeting.

17. Porchfest – The Asbury Park Neighborhood Association sponsored a Porchfest for the benefit of the APESTC and raised funds to assist in its future gardening endeavors.

18. The Quality of Life Committee organized a “Better Block Asbury Park Program” at which the APESTC staffed a table with APESTC information and also distributed 100 Norway Spruce seedlings provided by the NJ Tree Foundation to residents at the event.

19. The Complete Streets Project invited the APESTC to plant perennials and annuals in a “Car Park Garden” which was placed on Cookman Ave in one parking space. It was a wooden seating structure that was made for people to sit amid the city traffic but surrounded by over 100 donated plants. It was a very successful venture which has sparked greater interest for the future. Once the Car Park Garden was dismantled, the plants were replanted on the city’s St. John’s Island in Sunset Lake.

20. The city’s newly established Sunset Lake Commission and the Deal Lake Commission have asked the APESTC to participate in its lake cleanups throughout the Spring and Summer. These cleanups have brought 30-40 volunteers to help.

21. Each year the APESTC addles Canada Geese eggs on Sunset Lake. In 2017, 69 eggs were addled and oiled and only one (1) gosling hatched. Thus far, the APESTC has stabilized the geese population by addling and oiling nearly 250 eggs in a three year period. The APESTC publicizes this project via The Coaster and invites local people to request the APESTC’s help.

22. Preparation for 2018 began with the planting of over 2000 Spring bulbs in the gardens throughout the city. Once again, the APESTC will beautify the city from Spring through Autumn.

FUTURE APESTC 2018 PROJECTS

1. Veteran’s Park on 5th Avenue – the Local Veteran’s Lodge has asked the APESTC to assist them in creating a more attractive Veterans Park with new trees, perennials and annuals in the Spring of 2018. This project will also involve the Asbury Park Rotary Club volunteers.

2. City Hall – The APESTC has been requested by the City Manager and City Planner to begin a restoration of the plantings surrounding City Hall.

3. The 7 year old Community Garden will be repaired and equipped with a new irrigation system. Soil will be replenished and crops will be planted beginning in March 2018.

4. The Deal Lake Commission has asked the APEST to assist them in building a Rain Garden on the eastern perimeter of Deal Lake. Plans have already been discussed and this project will begin in late Spring.

5. The Deal Lake Commission has obtained a grant which will assist the APESTC in creating new Floating Islands.

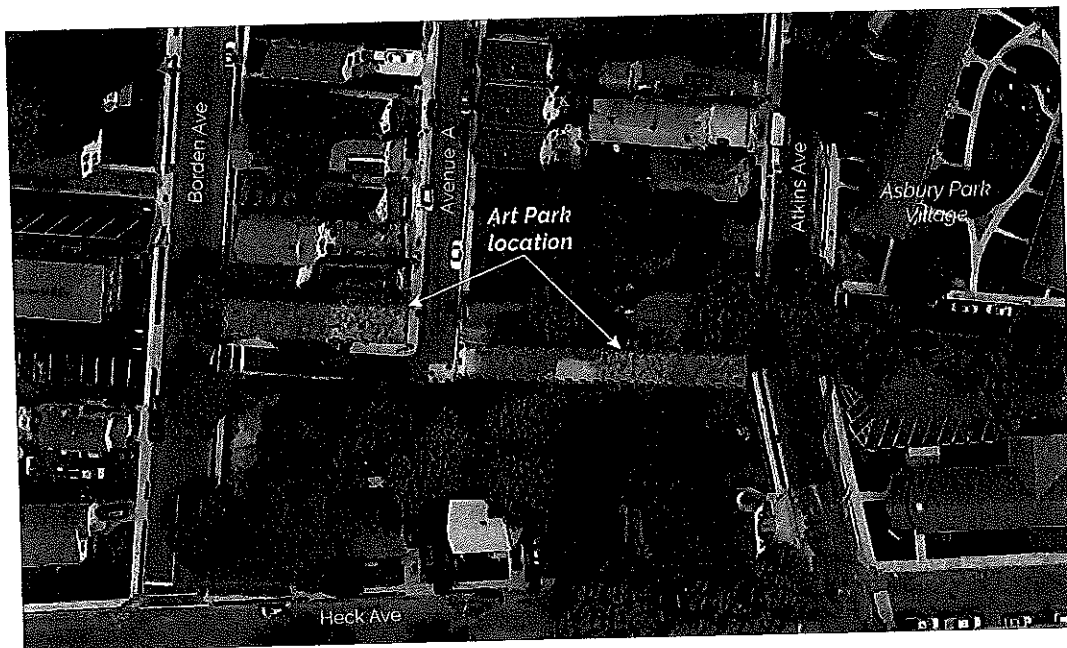
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PLEASE COME TO A COMMUNITY MEETING
TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF THE ART PARK!

Tuesday, January 30th, 2018

6:00PM

Asbury Park Senior Center, 1201 Springwood Ave



The Art Park is a new passive pocket park with youth-created artwork. The park will be located on city owned land between Atkins Ave, Avenue A, and Borden Ave. Funding comes in part from the Asbury Park Choice Neighborhood planning grant.

Topics to be discussed:

- *Park design*
- *Youth-created art*
- *Environmental Shade Tree Commission involvement*



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CITY OF ASBURY PARK
GREEN TEAM
JANUARY 16, 2018 3:00pm
Meeting Agenda

- Introduction
- Sustainable NJ Certification
 - Where we are
 - Points for the future
- Possible ideas of events
 - Green Fair
 - Shopping bag reuse program
 - Municipal Recycling program
 - Compost education
 - Rain barrels
 - Freecycle event
 - Sustainable NJ grants
 - Other ideas/brainstorming
- Working group formations