

## Minutes of the October 21, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Island Heights Environmental Committee

Attendees: Mary Judge, Chair; Marsha Cudworth; Pat Sherwin; Sandra Snow, Council Liaison; Betty Wood

Absent: Margie Laratta; Tara Church

Minutes of the September 16, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

### Tree Ordinance

Betsy Hyle is doing the necessary revisions to the ordinance following input from Council.

### Monarch Waystation

Betty Wood circulated a one-page paper she received at a recent New Jersey Native Plant Society meeting concerning a monarch butterfly waystation. She had learned that Seaside Park has a bayside garden certified by the Monarch Watch from the University of Kansas and had visited the garden the day before. Members showed enthusiasm for establishing a similar garden in Island Heights.

### Bioswale

Mary Judge noted that some additional plants would be needed for our bioswale and estimated an outlay of \$300 might be appropriate for this project. Suggested plants included a Blueberry, Joe Pye Weed and Butterfly Weed.

### Conferences

Mary Judge encouraged members to attend the November 7, 2015 Native Plant Society conference at Raritan Valley Community College in Branchburg, NJ. Featured speaker will be Douglas Tallamy, noted native plant specialist, author, and college professor. She also reported that she was a panelist on green infrastructure at this year's ANJEC conference and presented on the I.H. bioswale.

### Invasive Species Ordinance

There was a discussion of the progress of an invasive plant ordinance before the Council brought by several borough residents, particularly concerned with bamboo spreading from one yard to another.

### Xmas Party

Our Xmas party was under discussion. Several restaurants were mentioned as possibilities. Further discussion will be undertaken next meeting.

### Meatless Monday

Pat Sherwin introduced her research into the Earth's next "crisis" after the depletion of fossil fuels being water supply and how the raising of beef in our country utilizes such an extraordinary amount of water per animal. Meatless Monday was suggested as an effort to address the problem in a citizen-friendly way. She will make a poster for our bulletin board to inform people of the facts behind the meatless idea.

Marsha Cudworth will be making a sign for the bulletin board in the post office to identify it as belonging to the Environmental Committee.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Judge, seconded by Pat Sherwin, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.