

C O R R E C T E D

May 16, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 7:00 P.M at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Secretary, Ann Kassahun.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Murray, Ticktin, Tulloss, Felong-Alt 1, Parker-Alt 2

Absent: Bonna, Hartley, Monteleone,

ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT:

To show that proper notice of this meeting has been given, Chairman Michael Ticktin stated that the minutes indicate: "Adequate notice of this meeting, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, was published in the Times of Trenton and in the Asbury Park Press, and posted at the Borough Bulletin Board and the Roosevelt Post Office on February 6, 2018."

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Ms. Felong and second by Mr. Murray to approve this evening's Agenda. This was accepted unanimously by the membership.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairperson Ticktin noted a communication distributed to members telling us that the **Stony/Brook Millstone Watershed Association** has **changed its name** to the **Watershed Institute**. They describe what they are and what they do to help municipalities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Kimberly Felong and second by **Mr. Cody Parker** to approve the Minutes of **April 18, 2018** with the following corrections. On Page 10: under Roll Call, Mr. Nicholas Murray was absent, not present; and on Page 12: last line under Bulletin Articles, change the word

“Capillaries” to “Capillaris”. The minutes were approved with these corrections; Mr. Murray abstained.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTATION:

Mr. Hartley was *not present*.

REPORT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Cody Parker reported that the tree at the school with the problem has been taken down and the cost split between the Borough and the School because it was right on the border of School and Borough property. It was dangerous. CORE Training is set for this weekend, but Mr. Parker mentioned that he has completed the *Training*. He is the Council Representative to the Planning Board and he is also on the Environmental Commission. He is able to keep our Commission informed with happenings on both other Boards.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - Chair Ticktin reported that there is correspondence with the Borough Council and the Borough’s Insurance Company regarding “volunteers using our chainsaw not being under our Workers’ Comp coverage.” (If under coverage, they pay for injury.) Their response was that the Council can endorse a Resolution that approves what is acceptable under “liability”, namely, that the person using our chainsaw in service of the Borough, has experience using this equipment. We will follow up further on statutory requirements, how to authorize individuals to help.

Forest Management/Trail Report - Mr. Nick Murray reported that he will be attending Rutgers classes for 4 credits for our Forest Management Plan; Mr. *Cody* Parker will be our Elected Official for the CORE program; and Ms. Mary Tulloss and Ms. *Heidi* Monteleone will be taking classes for Sustainable Jersey. Mr. Murray added that we need to spend the last money for puncheon materials, as the grant is running out next week. He will take care of this. Re the Boy Scout kiosk near the Water Plant and the other kiosk near the cemetery, we have to reach out to the NJDEP and Trails Grant Coordinator in order to build the second kiosk. This must be completed by the 24th. He will check the grant money and ask for an extension. *Mr. Murray* asked if the members were in agreement regarding the location of the second kiosk on the South side of the cemetery and if there is a Trail marker there. A better location might be the cleared field nearby. Chair Ticktin mentioned putting the kiosk closer to town for bad weather, want it to be visible. Ms. Felong commented that the kiosks are not so large. Other comments were that we should contact Diane Lowrie and the Grant Coordinator for more information on this second kiosk. Mr. Murray added that if we don’t spend the money on the second kiosk, there will be \$1,300. remaining.

Invasive Plant Species - Mr. Steven Taylor reported that Stacey Bonna, *Heidi* Monteleone, and he worked on the "Garden" at the local school but were rained out and will try another day. Mr. Nick Murray asked when they will be doing the red bud work. They want to get some gates around them, then may plant them on Spruce Lane

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported that she has contacted our new Ambassador. Training will be Saturday, June 23. The only new recruit at this time is Iain Lowrie, who is very interested but is not available on the weekends. She is looking for other recruits. It has been very difficult to get recruits. She will put an article in our Bulletin and speak with teachers to help recruit folks. People need training for stream scoop work! The water is cloudy. We must do training in June again for comparing our present situation to the past. Nick Murray has a Borough key for our use in getting our equipment when needed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

OTHER:

Chain Saw Workers - *"Nick Murray and Cody Parker will be the Environmental Commission members authorized to use the Borough's chainsaws."* Mr. Murray has used chain saws for years as his folks have property out in the Pocono Mountains. Mr. Parker has been using chain saws for about ten (10) years. Chair Ticktin called for a Motion which was made by Ms. Kimberly Felong and seconded by Ms. Mary Tulloss that Nicholas Murray and Cody Parker be authorized to use the Borough's chain saw(s) for working in the local Roosevelt woods. This passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Mr. Nicholas Murray and second by Ms. Kimberly Felong, this meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.



Ann M. Kassahun, Secretary