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June 20, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at 7:08 P.M. at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Chair Michael Ticktin.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Hartley, Monteleone, Murray, Ticktin, Tulloss

Absent: Felong-Alt 1, Parker-Alt 2

ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT:

To show that proper notice of this meeting has been given, Chairman Michael Ticktin has 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 Boards and the Roosevelt Post Office on February 6, 2018."

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: No Public in attendance

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Mr. Murray and second by Mr. Hartley to approve this evening's Agenda. This Agenda was accepted unanimously by the membership; no members of the Public were present this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss and second by Mr. Nick Murray to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on **May 16, 2018** with the following corrections: On page 14, line 3 under Correspondence, end with "... help municipalities." Take out the last two sentences. Under Approval of Minutes, line 1, change "Mr. Code Parker" to "Mr." On Page 15 under Report of Planning Board Representative, change first sentence "Mr. Hartley was absent." to read "Mr. Hartley was **not present**." Omit all comments about School Earth Day. Under Report of Council Representative, line 3, change "Core" to capital letters "**CORE**" and on line 4, change "T raining" to "Training". Also on Page 15 under Forest Management on lines 2, 3, and 8, change "Cory" to "Cody" and "Heide" to "Heidi" and "Ms. Murrey" to "Mr. Murray". On Page 16, under Invasive Plant Species, line 1, "Heide" to "Heidi" and on line 4, end with "Spruce Lane." Take out last three lines. Also on Page 16, under Stream Monitoring, line 6, change "**Our** Nick Murray"

to read “**Nick Murray**”. Under Chain Saw Workers, change the first sentence to read “Nick Murray and Cody Parker will be the Environmental Commission members authorized to use the Borough’s chainsaws.” Also in line 3, correct “Pocono **Moutains**” to read “Pocono **Mountains**”. These minutes were approved with these corrections.

Motion was made by Mr. Nick Murray and second by Mr. Heidi Monteleone to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting with corrections held on **May 30, 2018**. These minutes were approved unanimously with one correction on Page 17 under Public Comments on the Agenda; change “**pubic**” to “**public**”. Ms. Tulloss, who was absent for this meeting, abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair Ticktin received an e-mail from Stacey Bonna resigning from this Commission which means two vacancies.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Tim Hartley reported that the Planning Board is revisiting/studying the Parking Ordinance. Also there will be no meetings in July and August unless action is needed.

REPORT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Parker was not present, but there were no Environmental concerns.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - Chairperson Ticktin gave out the **award** at the Roosevelt School’s Graduation to student Butch Balon in recognition of the work he had done on the school’s **Earth Day Program**. The school likes to give every student an award. The last few years there were fewer students. This year it was a huge class, 11 students, so they needed all the awards they could get. Ms. Tulless noted that we traditionally have given this award in the past and suggested that we remind ourselves in May to check with the school and allocate the money. It was felt to be a good idea to be supportive of our students.

Forest Management/Trail Report - Mr. Nick Murray reported that he did purchase the materials for **puncheons** as planned from the **Recreational Trails Grant**. He will walk the Trail with other members. Our deadline for using the funds was May 24. He contacted the Grant folks for an extension which was granted until November 30 to work on the **second kiosk**. The person who is working with the kiosk will be back in the office the end of July. It is easier to get the materials sent to the DEP. The frame is up on the **other kiosk** constructed by the Eagle Scout near the sewer plant. The second kiosk is similar, about 8 feet high, 4 feet wide, has a *plexiglass* display case for maps, trail information, etc. Materials will cost about \$1,000 which we have in the Trails Grant. Chair Ticktin asked if we had enough funds. **Mr. Murray said he is checking with Ms. Ana Debevec in**

the Borough. He is taking a Forestry Class at Rutgers. Mary Tulloss and Heidi Monteleone will attend the **Sustainability Summit** at the College of New Jersey sponsored by Sustainable Jersey on June 21 and hope thereby to obtain credits. We need eight (8) credits between two members. Member Cody Parker is now CORE trained. Perhaps he can take another course.

Invasive Plant Species - Mr. Nick Murray reported for Mr. Steve Taylor this evening. On Sunday, May 20, a group of volunteers planted an assortment of plants at the Spruce Lane Butterfly Park. On Wednesday, May 23, Mr. Taylor planted *milkweed* plants at the local school. And on May 26, a group removed *multiflora* rose on the Trail. They are planning to plant red bud at the North Valley triangle but are delayed to the Fall when the weather is better and the *milkweed* will be bigger. Mr. Steve Taylor mowed the Butterfly Park on Saturday, June 2. The next Borough Bulletin articles will be on *serviceberries* in June and on *milkweed* in July.

At the town 4th of July celebration, this Commission will give away assorted plants. We have about 200 swamp *milkweed plants*, about 12 *butterflyweed plants*, and about 12 *common milkweed* Plants.

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported that they were to monitor the stream tomorrow. She has sent e-mail to several interested people, e-mailed others also, and put it into our Borough Bulletin. She also posted this information at the local Post Office. Many just are not **available**. Member Heidi Monteleone's husband is interested. . Ms. Tulloss has done this monitoring several times, and feels she is able to instruct the others, so she is going to contact our Ambassador and gather the folks at a future date. She mentioned a **Volunteer Release/Waiver of Liability** for volunteers to sign. The Borough has seen this. Motion was made by Ms. Tulloss to release \$50 from our account for refreshments when this volunteer group meets. This was seconded by Mr. Nick Murray and unanimously accepted by the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms., Mary Tulloss and Ms. Heidi Monteleone will attend a Sustainability Summit workshop tomorrow at the College of New Jersey.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Ticktin mentioned that Ms. **Sharyn** Walz reminded us to get prize bags to use at the 4th of July town gathering. This Commission will have a table with activities for the children. Motion was made by Mr. Nick Murray and second by Ms. Heidi Monteleone that \$70 be released from our funds for use by the Environmental Commission at our Roosevelt 4th of July Celebration. This was accepted by all. Mr. Steve Taylor will be contacted about the plants to be given away at our table. This will appeal to an older audience. There will be a spin-the-wheel game for the children with small prizes to be won by all. The questions are environmental and at different levels for the children. Our members will rotate hourly working at our table. Chair Ticktin will bring a table and we can use Borough chairs. Member Heidi Monteleone will make a sign to identify our table.

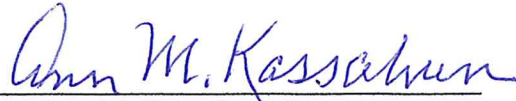
OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Ticktin brought a Trail Map of Assunpink WMA and discussed it with the members. It shows Roosevelt Borough and Perrineville Lake Park. He discussed the map, pointing out some problems with the map, noting some scenic views, mentioned some parts that were bought with Green Acres funds. It was mentioned that Roosevelt has given its part a new name in remembrance of a resident, "Ron Philips....active with the Trail" to read "Ron **Filepp**., who recently passed away and had been very active maintaining the Trail for years."

We need two new members for this Commission. Mr. Nick Murray has been working on this. Ms. Heidi Monteleone brought to our attention that the bog turtle is named as our State Reptile.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Mr. Nicholas Murray and second by Mr. Tim Hartley, this meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.



Ann M. Kassahun, Secretary