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July 18, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Chairperson 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, Chairperson 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 Boards and the Roosevelt Post Office on February 6, 2018."

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: Mr. Steve Taylor, Public, was present; no comments. Chair Ticktin mentioned that there is a Resolution that ANJEC requests Municipal Officials and Environmental Commissions to approve pledging support for a comprehensive, single-use carry-out bag policy. The Resolution has been modified because it passed, but is defective. They would like to see the Governor veto it. This will be discussed under "New Business".

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Mr. Tim Hartley and second by Ms. Mary Tulloss to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on **June 20, 2018** with the following corrections: On **Page 20** under Report of Planning Board Representative, take out sentence "Ms. Stacey Bonna resigned." Also on **Page 20**, 3 lines from bottom, change "flexi-glass" to "plexiglass". On **Page 21**, line 1, take out the first sentence, "Last year...\$2,000." This will connect the two sentences regarding Mr. Murray to read: "Mr. Murray said he is checking with Ms. Ana Debevec in the Borough. He is taking a Forestry Class at Rutgers." Next sentence is to read: "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 more credits." Leave sentences "We need eight (8) credits

between two members. Member Cody Parker is now CORE trained.” Under Invasive Plant Species, lines 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 change “Milk Weed” to “milkweed” “Service Berries” to one word “serviceberries” and two lines down change “Milk Weed” to one word “milkweed” twice and also “Butterfly Weed” to one word “butterflyweed”. Under Old Business, change statement about Sustainability Summit to the following: “Last year the Environmental Commission was allocated \$4,000 and this year it was reduced to \$2,000.” On Page 21, under New Business, line one, change “Sharen Walz sent us prize bags” to read “Sharyn Walz recommended that we get prize bags” and on Page 22, under Other Business, Line 5, change “Ron Philips....active with the Trail” to read “Ron Filepp.....active maintaining the Trail for years.” Next paragraph, omit sentence “Mr. Nick Murray has been working on this.” Last sentence, change “Bog Turtle is named” to “bog turtle has been named...” These minutes were unanimously approved with these corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE: ANJEC Resolution will be discussed under New Business.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Tim Hartley reported that the Planning Board had no meeting this month, therefore no report.

REPORT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - Chairperson Ticktin reported that this Commission had a table at the 4th of July celebration at the local school. This was successful as many people stopped by our table for there was activity for the children and the adults could take home free milkweed plants and/or environmental books. There seemed to be fewer people this year; perhaps this event needs more advertising.

Forest Management/Trail Report - Mr. Nick Murray reported that next Tuesday he will be attending training at Rutgers from 9 to 3 on native woody plants. He will get *four* credits of the eight that we need. He added that Mary Tulloss and Heidi Monteleone attended classes also, but he didn't think they received credits for the main event of the day, but some of the afternoon classes that Mary attended qualified her to receive 1.5 credits. We now have 5 ½ credits which should be forwarded to the proper folks to get them to apply them to our needed credits. He will check to find out the final date due for all training credits to be completed. Mr. Murray has paid for himself, will check with the Borough for reimbursement. He also has checked on the kiosk near the cemetery and there is a hiring freeze, so the seasonal worker now is on hold. He feels we should postpone ordering the materials until further notice. Chair Ticktin inquired how recent this information is; Mr. Murray said this information was obtained about a week and a half ago. He added that a few things we have accomplished are: invasive species removal by volunteers, planting native trees and redbuds, Arbor Day celebration, and hopefully a native tree article in our Borough Bulletin very

soon. Mr. Steve Taylor will try to write this tree article quickly. Mr. Murray mentioned some other things to be accomplished as soon as possible for this year. One is to conduct a fire risk assessment and a hazard tree survey around town which is done by a certified arborist, which we would have to pay for. Chair Ticktin recalls talk about the wildfire potential, but it was felt due to recent rainfall, it was not so serious at this time. Mr. Murray said that we risk losing some of our approved status, if we do not do some of these things. He will check some of our more recent annual status reports.

Invasive Plant Species - Mr. Steve *Taylor* reported that we have given out about 250 milkweed plants to local folks. He will be writing two articles (one on good trees and one on bad trees) for the Borough Bulletin.

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported that Mr. Pat Monteleone, Heidi's husband, came for the training. They went over the power point presentation and he had some experience in this area. Unfortunately, the Watershed Ambassador did not come. She has another person similarly trained. We are trying to get some monitoring done, but time is running out, as the Watershed Ambassador ends in October. They will be conducting stream monitoring tomorrow, July 19. She sent out e-mails. Two people will collect in the morning and Jane Rothfuss and Rod Tulloss are available in the afternoon. They do have a quota, hoping for at least 100, as they did not get many last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report on Sustainability Summit - Ms. Mary Tulloss and Ms. Heidi Monteleone attended the Sustainability Summit at The College of New Jersey sponsored by Sustainable Jersey on June 21, 2018. The general session was very interesting and included talks by NJ's first Lady, Tammy Murphy, and Joseph Fiordaliso of NJ Board of Public Utilities. In the morning there were two speakers from larger communities. Mary and Heidi each attended two workshop sessions. The sessions attended were:

Morning Session [Heidi] About 80 percent of municipalities participate and we are in the Bronze category. They spoke about how 135 schools are certified., violent crime is down, and more recycling being done. First Lady of New Jersey, Tammy Murphy, spoke on renewable energy and conservation. Also the President of Public Utilities spoke. Both were well received.

Afternoon Session [Heidi] This was about larger cities, and how they are trying to lower the carbon foot print. They spoke about new ways to use power, buying energy from reliable sources, trying to get people not to use plastic because so much is now in our oceans. China is not accepting garbage bags, called the "Asian Fix". Several other Asian countries do not take garbage. There was some discussion from our members about how to get people to not use plastic, what is New Jersey doing to help when less than 5% of bags are *recycled*, and our stores are full of plastic.

Turn Projects into Points: Supplement your Certification with a Grant [Mary] This session reviewed the source of grants awarded for Municipal and School programs. Gardinier (energy), NJDOH, PSE&G, Walmart and the Nature Conservancy all provide grant money to Sustainable

Jersey which then provides grants to applicants. Grants were awarded for community gardens, Green Team Support, Natural Resource Inventory, and Rain Gardens among other topics. Case studies were also reviewed to illustrate what is looked for in a grant application.

Green Team 2.0: Build Capacity & Promote your Team [Mary] This session reviewed ideas in recruiting, training and retaining volunteers and promoting the work of the Green Team. Use of social media was highly recommended.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANJEC Resolution - Chairperson Ticktin explained the ANJEC Bag Resolution to the Environmental Commission. The Environmental Commission recommends the Borough Council to adopt a Resolution urging Governor Murphy to sign legislation limiting the use of single-use carryout plastic bags (copy attached). Motion was made by Mr. Tim Hartley, was seconded by Ms. Heidi Monteleone, and was unanimously accepted by this Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion and second, this meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.


Ann M. Kassahun, Secretary