

CORRECTED**October 17, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Chairperson Michael Ticktin.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Felong, Hartley, Monteleone, Murray, Ticktin, Tulloss
Alt 2 - Ashburner

Absent: Parker, Alt 1 - vacant

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 has been given 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: None**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss and second by Mr. Tim Hartley to **approve** the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on **September 26, 2018** with the following corrections: **Page 28** under Planning Board Representative, line 3, take out "Religious organizations are touchy." And line 5 change "They" to read "The Planning Board" and same sentence change "regenerating" to "revisiting". Last line change "Mr. Kiupers" to "Mr. Jeremy Kuipers". Under Council Representative, line 3 should read "...keep the foundation. Not doing so would re-open the DEP situation and necessitate new inspections." Second paragraph, line 1 should read "**Robin Filepp**, wife of Ron Filepp" and line 2, take out "local" and line 3, take out last sentence "Perhaps...Spring." Under Forest Management, on line 4, take out sentence "Right now...Trails." On line 5, name "Filecp" should be "**Filepp**" and change "Trails" to "Trail". On line 6, change "Ticktin felt" to read "Ticktin said". Under Invasive Plant Species, line 2 "...invasive plants..." add "...plants, on the first proposed date in advance of the Roosevelt Art Walk along the Woodland

Trail, so it was..." On **Page 29** under Stream Monitoring, paragraph 3, line 1, change "Conference on Rain Intrastructure" to read "Conference on Green Intrastructure" and line 3 change "Dr. Bill Schirapta" to Dr. Bill Sciarappa". Mr. Murray and new Member Ashburner abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

New Jersey Conservation Voters 4th Annual Gala, costs \$150 purchase tickets before 10/12/18
Green Heritage Newsletter (Monmouth Co. Park System)

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Tim Hartley reported that the Planning Board did not meet, no report.

REPORT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Parker was not present this evening, however our Chairman Ticktin attended this meeting. He conveyed to them our recommendation of not doing anything to interfere with the Approval we already got on the old **defunct garage** to leave the foundation in place. The Engineer said the same; so they had gone out to bid on demolishing it and have approved the contract. This work will be done soon. Hopefully they will clear the debris off the site. At some point the site may be used for commercial use. This site was last used about 1990. The Borough took over ownership, could not market it. It was an eye sore. Chair Ticktin also had e-mailed to the Borough the material we got from Kim, what we recommend to be done to the parking lot. They seemed interested. Re the Butterfly Garden at the Borough Hall, they will hold up on any planting, because they do not know yet what will be done with that space. There is some talk of a new sign in that spot. Chair Ticktin felt that even with a sign, some milkweed might be planted. He will follow up at the next Council meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - No Report

Forest Management/Trail Report - Mr. Murray reported that all the materials for the second kiosk going up near the cemetery have been purchased and delivered to Pete Winkler at his Assunpink WMA office. They will try to construct the **kiosk** within the next few weeks. Kim Felong has volunteered to take a course on Hazardous Tree Identification. She is registered, cost is \$245, and this will give us five more **CFMP** credits, putting us over the eight credits required. Mr. Murray has asked Cody Parker for a copy of his Core Training Certificate, so he can send them over to DEP to update our contact information of **training two members** of our community. Re update of the November 10th **Trail Maintenance Day**, Mr. Murray reported that after the initial meeting with Ms. Diane Lowrie to plan the day, Diane suggested that he contact Pete Winkler again requesting the Special Use Permit for the event. Pete informed him that is opening date for their Small Game Hunting Season, so he cannot issue Special Use Permits for the Assunpink properties

for that day. Our Trail Maintenance Day is going to be restricted to municipally owned sections of the Trail only: North Valley Rd. to N. Rochdale Ave. and N. Rochdale Ave. to Tamara Dr. The rest can be done at a different time. Mr. Murray also reported that he, Tim Hartley, possibly Sam, will meet prior to the day they are trying to prepare the lumber for **puncheon** construction. That way they do not have to bring power tools or saws out on the Trail, risking injury. They will cut things to size earlier. He and Steve Taylor found one puncheon moved some distance, repaired it, now safe to walk on. **Diane Lowrie** is in charge of creating an **advertisement** for the Bulletin, the Bulletin Board, and Borough Website. Mr. Murray will follow up with her for status.

Invasive Plant Species - Mr. Steve Taylor reported that he painted all the blazes along the Trail; some of the bark (tannins) bled through; he may touch them up. Invasive species along the Trail from Rochdale to Tamara now have some small signs. There are a lot of different species close together. He did some weeding on Spruce.

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported no word on monitoring; it is getting late and too cold now. She has met someone who is interested, but will have to wait for Spring—May or June. They will do a training then. She reported people up in Assunpink. There was some discussion of the need for more maps for local folks. We need to know what Assunpink does and when, maybe have a scaled down map of this area. It was felt the County Park Service could be contacted. People need to know when hunting occurs. This will be looked into. The County and Assunpink should have maps.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

New Alternate 2 member Sam Ashburner was welcomed to this Commission. Also new in town and at our meeting this evening was Mr. Mathew Margotta of Pine Drive. He has a wife and young baby and is interested in this Commission. These new neighbors were welcomed to our community and encouraged to come to our town meetings.

Also of interest, we will have a new 2019 calendar soon and Purim falls in the 4th week of February 2019. Our new calendar listing our 2019 meetings will soon be circulated.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Mr. Nick Murray and second by Ms. Heidi Monteleone, this meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


 Ann M. Kassahun, Secretary