

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

CORRECTED

May 15, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, **May 15, 2019**, at 7:08 P.M. at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Secretary Ann Kassahun.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Felong, Hartley, Monteleone, Ticktin, Tulloss,
Margotta - Alt 1, Ashburner-Alt 2

Absent: Murray, Dermody,

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, by filing with the Borough Clerk, by posting on bulletin boards at the Roosevelt Borough Hall and Roosevelt Post Office, and by publication in the Times of Trenton and in the Asbury Park Press on **February 7, 2019.**"

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Ms. Kim Felong and seconded by Ms. Mary Tulloss to approve this evening's Agenda. This was unanimously accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Kim Felong and seconded by Ms. Heidi Monteleone to approve the **April 17, 2019 minutes** with the following corrections: On **page 12**, under **Forest Management**, line 9, change "Ashburener" to "Ashburner". On **page 13**, under **Report of Council Liaison**, line 1, change "attened" to "attended"; last line, change "out he" to read "out the". On **page 14**, under **Sustainable Jersey**, line 4, change "establishment" to read "establishment". **Second paragraph/Sustainable Jersey**, last line, take out last sentence and substitute "Our bronze certification expires in 2020." Also on **page 14**, under **New Business**, next to last line, change "Cherry Valley Road" to read "Cherry Hill Road". These April minutes were unanimously accepted with these corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Mr. Hartley said there was no meeting.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON:

Mr. Dermody was absent; however, Mr. Chad Vroman, who was present at this meeting, reported that the Council Committee is investigating various Tree Preservation Ordinances of other towns to determine what would be suitable for Roosevelt.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - Chairperson Ticktin stated that he took another class on “Integrated Pest Management”. It was about getting rid of tree pests.

Forest Management - Mr. Nick Murray was absent, but Mr. Sam Ashburner reported that he cleaned out some of our **owl boxes** as this should be done at the end of the season, so they can be used for several years. Ms. Mary Tulloss mentioned the wood **duck boxes** and Mr. Ashburner said he would check them also. He will log his hours doing these chores. Ms. Tulloss also mentioned the area by the Sewage Plant needing attention. Mr. Ashburner said that “wet” is our current problem; the **puncheons** are too heavy to work on alone at this time.

Invasive Plant Species - Mr. Steve Taylor reported that before the branch pickup, a small group cleared part of the wooded stretch between 571 and Lake Drive properties. In the Fall they may run a mower through the area.

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported that they are going to try a **new method of monitoring this year**, so she has been doing some research online, found the **Stroud Institute** in Pennsylvania which has a manual on-line with a different procedure than we have been using. She will be getting her group together in June. She said that they had transitioned from getting a hundred macroinvertebrates a couple of years ago to finding only maybe five. Apparently the stream’s water is very muddy. Ms. Tulloss has sent an e-mail to our Watershed Ambassador to see if she would like to work with us; also she told her we have some new members on our Commission to be trained.

Sustainable Jersey

Ms. Kim Felong reported that Mr. Nick Murray had spoken with a **Ms. Samantha McGraw** of Sustainable Jersey because he felt the deadline that she had mentioned at the last meeting was incorrect. Ms. McGraw indicated that the **deadline is June 2020**. so this gives us some time. Ms. Felong went on the website and marked some of the expired actions as current, but documentation still has to be uploaded for the **Roosevelt Arts Project** to provide a Creative Team update. We have only a year. Ms. Heidi Monteleone will work on getting an Annual Report together for the Roosevelt Arts Project to provide a **Creative Team Update**. Ms. Mary Tulloss added *that the Roosevelt Public School did not win the \$2,000 grant.*

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Mary Tulloss recently attended a very interesting meeting of the **Sierra Club** at the Mercer County Community College. This week she went to hear about the Future of Transportation. Mary visited a dealership and got to drive an **electrical vehicle**. It has very little trunk space and has a big cable to charge the vehicle. Mr. Hartley inquired how you plug these vehicles in to power and Chair Ticktin was interested in the cost to charge them. He felt the States will have to deal with this because the fund that pays for road repairs comes under your gasoline tax. Ms. Tulloss said there are now commercials for electric vehicles. Ms. Felong mentioned that the Peddie School located on Route 571 in Hightstown near us is using electric vehicles on campus.

Mr. Tim Hartley said that he and his wife were at a meeting of a group that will come and involve us via Empower/New Jersey. It might be interesting to invite our public. He will look into this further.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Mr. Marotta and second by Mr. Ashburner, this meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Ann M. Kassahun