

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

CORRECTED

August 21, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, **August 21, 2019**, at 7:03 P.M. at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Secretary Ann Kassahun.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Felong, Ticktin, Tulloss, Ashburner-Alt 2

Absent: Dermody, Hartley, Monteleone, Murray, Vacancy-Alt 1

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Kim Felong and seconded by Mr. Tim Hartley to approve the **June 19, 2019 minutes** with the following corrections: **On page 19**, under **Approval of Minutes**, **Sustaible Jersey** changed to **Sustainable**; and **page 19**, change "Mr. Tim Hartley" to "**Tim Hartley.... Also the last sentence should read "Ms. Mary Tulloss added that our Roosevelt Public School did not win the \$2,000. grant"** These minutes were unanimously accepted with these corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair Ticktin stated that publications were received from Rutgers, Green Heritage and Arc News. Members can borrow these and pass them around the members. There was a question regarding residents taking down a tree on their property, near the house. The Borough says

“no”; residents should check their coverage first, as often the insurance will not pay. Ms. Mary Tulloss mentioned tree issues at the local cemetery. The Code Officer or the Borough Council should be contacted.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Mr. Hartley was absent, no report.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: Mr. Dermody was absent, no report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - No report

Forest Management - Mr. Nick Murray was absent. This Friday Chair Ticktin will attend the Right tree, Right place, Right way Seminar from 8:00 a.m. to Twelve noon. It is free and will provide us with points towards SJ Tree & Woodland Actions. Topics cover resilience, storm aftermath, utility prunings, tree selection, and planting. It will also give us 3 out of 8 needed CFMP CEU's. There was some discussion about taking down a tree on local property. The Borough says “no” as it may be dangerous. More on this in the future.

Invasive Plant Species - Mr. Steve Taylor reported we still have about twenty **red buds**. He mentioned planting them this Fall on the land between the Post Office and Lake Drive. If we are looking for another project this Fall, he mentioned the **cemetery** has some work.

Stream Monitoring, Etc. - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported that she and Jane Rothfuss checked the **local stream**, lots of **mud**. She is trying to get some help for the **future water shed project**. Jane said that her husband may be able to help. They will try to measure differently in the Fall. She *hopes to meet* with **Hightstown** folks who seem to measure differently; checking this out! And a mouse has chewed through our net!

Ms. Tulloss recently attended a very interesting meeting of the **Sierra Club** at the Mercer County Community College. It was about the future of Transportation. She 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 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.

Sustainable Jersey - Ms. Kim Felong reported that *she did not get the notice into the Bulletin and now we are unsure if we could use the listing on the Website to get credits this year* for her submitted list of Jersey/Fresh farms; she will apply earlier next year. She mentioned the free tree seminar this Friday that Chair Ticktin will attend. (See under Forest Management above) This will give us points. She is not sure how much budget we have for her to attend. There is a **Health** Impact Assessment Program that is being offered, and gives us 10 points toward **certification**. This October class at Rutgers will cost \$150. Chairperson

Ticktin suggested that we use some of the money for this class, so motion was made by Member Kim Felong, second by Ms. Mary Tulloss, for \$150 for this Rutgers class; this unanimously passed to help *Ms. Felong* take a class this Fall. We are still lacking in points, so members please think of something we can do to help and let Ms. Felong know. We can re-submit our Grant for Sustainable Jersey for the School Green Team by October 31.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were comments that our Roosevelt 4th of July celebration at our local school went well. There was emphasis on recycling at our table which was well received by those attending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Michael Ticktin reported that he has spoken with a Ms. *Esther Psarkis* and has invited her to attend our meetings. She is interested in plantings and our work in town.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Ms. Felong and second by Ms. Tulloss, this meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.


Ann M. Kassahun