

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

September 18, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, **September 18, 2019**, at 7:04 P.M at the Borough Hall. The Roll was called by Secretary Ann Kassahun.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Dermody, Hartley, Monteleone, Murray, Ticktin, Tulloss,

Absent: Felong, Ashburner-Alt 2 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**."

WELCOME BY CHAIRPERSON: Chairperson Ticktin warmly welcomed Ms. Ellen Silverman, a new person attending this meeting who may be interested in joining this Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Mr. Tim Hartley and seconded by Mr. Nick Murray to approve this evening's Agenda. This was unanimously accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Tulloss and seconded by Ms. Monteleone to approve the **August, 21, 2019 minutes** with the following corrections: **On page 23**, under **Stream Monitoring**, line 4, change "She has met with . ." to read "She hopes to meet with" On page 24, line 2, change "**Mr. Felong**" to read "**Ms. Felong**" and on page 24 under **New Business**, change name "Ester Tsarkis" to read "**Esther Psarkis**". These minutes were unanimously accepted with these corrections; abstaining were Messrs. Dermody, Murray, and Hartley.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair Ticktin stated that publications were received from the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation, Rutgers' Courses for 2019-2020, and Timely Tips (on trees). He offered these publications to those interested to read and pass along to other members.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Not relevant to us.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: Not relevant to us.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - Chair Ticktin attended a seminar.

Forest Management - Mr. Nick Murray reported that a landscaper went through The Trail today to clean it up before The Art Walk on September 28. He will be checking how many credits we will need before the end of this year. We have six new chairs placed along the Trail. They want to "secure" them better (they are chained down now) and take them inside soon for the winter. He reported that we should be aware that the family of **Benjamin Brown (our Founder)** is coming to town for October 26. We all need to **pass the word**, food at the Borough Hall. There will be coffee and bagels Monday morning, and a 4:00 p.m. presentation at the Borough Hall. More on program at **Princeton Museum**. The Roosevelt Poets will be there. Check with our member, Ms. Mary Tulloss.

Invasive Plant Species - Mr. Steve Taylor reported that invasive species are being removed at the local cemetery on October 12th, 14th, and 16th. Those who can help, please be in touch with Mr. Taylor.

Stream Monitoring, Etc. - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported that Highstown checks their stream for many factors; so she is trying to stay in contact with them. Volunteers are hard to get.

Sustainable Jersey - Ms. Mary Tulloss reported that our Commission submitted a Letter of Support for the **Roosevelt Public School Sustainable Jersey Schools \$2K Grant Application**. Our Chair Michael Ticktin is also Chair of the Roosevelt Municipal Green Team (**MGT**) which supports this grant application for a deer exclusion fence, additional gardening beds for student work in planting and tending the garden which can result in a harvest that can be cooked by the students and shared with the student body and larger community. Note the **MGT** had a booth at our Community 4th of July Celebration on school grounds. This project was enjoyed by all. (See under New Business)

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Mary Tulloss and Mr. Nick Murray expressed concern with some of our local trees. It was felt we need to hear what the Council can do about funds for emergency tree problems and to also check some tree services that can work quickly with us in the event of a tree emergency.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Mary Tulloss mentioned the School Grant which was voted on in support of the **\$2,000 Roosevelt Public School Sustainable Jersey Schools \$2K Grant Application**. This grant is important to Roosevelt in that it helps our grammar school children learn how to work with growing a garden from planting to harvesting to cooking/eating the vegetables harvested. The Municipal Green Team (**MGT**) worked with our children. (See under Sustainable Jersey)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Ms. Mary Tulloss and second by Mr. Hartley, this meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Ann M. Kassahun