

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

CORRECTED

April 15, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. We are not at the Borough Hall; **this is a “Zoom” meeting.** The Roll was called by Secretary Ann Kassahun.

ROLL CALL:

Present; Ashburner, Hartley, Murray, Ticktin, Tulloss, Silverman - Alt 1

Absent: Dermody, Felong, Vacant – 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 has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by notices published in the Times of Trenton and in the Asbury Park Press on January 24, 2020 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office. This meeting is being conducted by “Zoom” and notice of this meeting was given on the Roosevelt Borough Website.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: Steve Taylor said “no comments”.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chairperson Ticktin said that the only thing to be added would be that information was sent out about the **4th of July celebration** which we will **not** have this year. Motion was made by Ms. Tulloss and Second was made by Mr. Murray. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Tulloss and Second by Mr. Ashburner that members approving minor corrections of the February 15, 2020 minutes, type them up and e-mail them to Bahiru at Comcast.net. Ms. Tulloss also requested a change under Stream Monitoring line 6, to take out Disbrow Hill Road and substitute Perrineville Road. This passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON - Mr. Hartley said the meeting is next week.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON - Chair Ticktin attended, no action.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - Chair Ticktin reported no action.

Forest Management - Messers. Nick Murray and Sam *Ashburner* reported tables, chairs, and children's items which had been left outside were removed by Public Works. They did some other clean-ups. They haven't seen a motorcycle, but Mr. Hartley has seen motor bikes leave damage by turning *roughly* on the Trail. It was felt that these incidents should be photographed for identification, but Ms. Mary Tulluss said these vehicles do not require licenses. Ms. Silverman wondered if these motorized bikes are allowed in Assunpink. It was felt we need signs in this area. Chair Ticktin said we have brought the need of signs to the Borough's attention.

Invasive Plant Species - Group activities are on hold for COVID-19. Mr. Steve Taylor asked that since there will be no Borough 4th of July Town Celebration this year, he would like suggestions for what to do with the extra plants. It was felt we could use them at the Butterfly Garden at the Borough Hall property. Chair Ticktin said that we need to know where the new paving will be and where we can plant them. Mr. Taylor added that last year we planted red buds at the Homestead/Valley Road triangle. He said this area has been worked on recently, contractors parking all over the area, not that careful. It now needs help. It was felt that someone should talk to the Borough Council. Chair Ticktin said he will touch with the Borough Clerk.

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Mary Tulluss reported that there was to be a meeting on May 7, but that didn't happen; so the next **training session** is now set for **July 11**.

Sustainable Jersey - Mr. Sam Ashburner reported that the **Sustainable Jersey deadline** was extended a whole year, so there is no Report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chair Ticktin reported that he was at the recent Council meeting and the Ordinance has been tabled until there is a meeting when more people can be in attendance. There had been a first reading; a second reading can take place at any time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Ellen Silverman presented a Rough Draft of a proposal for a grant of \$1,500 at the most, written for Woodland Trail Restoration (repairing some of the puncheon over the wetland areas). We are *assessing* if we need to have new areas with easy puncheon access. There are areas that have a high water table, making it very difficult to

walk on. them. More on this later. Mr. Tim Hartley suggested if there are a few dollars left from the grant, get some maps made up of the Trail, so people can see how it connects. Some felt there are already some maps at the Sewer Plant and the Cemetery. Also Ms. Diane Lowrie was helping with some maps. The Commission voted to authorize Ms. Silverman and Mr. Murray to file the application with ANJEC on behalf of the Commission by the May 4 deadline.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: OK

No further business, on motion by Mr. Murray and second by Mr. *Ashburner*, this meeting was ended unanimously at 8:04 P.M.

Ann M. Kassahun, Secretary