

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

October 21, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom Meeting

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The Roll was called by Secretary Robin Tillou.

ROLL CALL:

Present; Felong, Hartley, Murray, Ticktin, Tulloss

Absent: Ashburner, Dermody, Silverman

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."

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF ANN KASSAHUN AS COMMISSION SECRETARY:

Motion was made by Ms. Tulloss and Second was made by Ms. Felong. This passed by unanimous vote.

NEW COMMISSION SECRETARY:

Motion was made by Ms. Felong to have Robin Tillou serve as secretary of the Environmental Commission and Second was made by Mr. Hartley. This passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Ms. Felong and Second was made by Ms. Tulloss. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2020:

Motion was made by Ms. Felong and Second was made by Ms. Tulloss. This passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: Green Heritage from Monmouth Co. Park, arrived for interested members to borrow to read.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON - Mr. Tim Hartley, Planning Board Liaison, reported the Planning Board meeting was cancelled so there is no report.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON - Chairperson Ticktin reported the bamboo ordinance was passed and will go into effect March 1, 2021. The daily penalty was reduced from \$500.00 to \$100.00.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - Chairperson Ticktin reported the appointment of Robin Tillou to the Environmental Commission at the Council Meeting.

Forest Management - Mr. Murray reported an email was sent out today with a link to classes for credits relative to our community forest management plan. Mr. Murray requested the Commission take a look at the forms to sign up for that to meet the requirement of eight credits between two members before the end of the year. Mr. Murray stated Ms. Silverman showed interest in attending the Plant Identification Class in November.

Motion was made by Mr. Murray and Second was made by Ms. Felong to appropriate funds for Ms. Silverman to take the class of Plant Identification Class for \$450. This passed by unanimous vote.

Invasive Plant Species – Mr. Steven Taylor reported there are logs that need to be removed that were placed around the flower beds on Spruce Street and the area should be maintained and kept clear.

Stream Monitoring - Ms. Tulloss reported the ad appeared in the Borough Bulletin regarding recruiting people to help with the stream monitoring, but it is on hold due to watershed institute to start the training courses.

Sustainable Jersey - Ms. Felong reported the priority action submitted for recycling was declined by Sustainable Jersey due to requiring an appointment of a recycling coordinator and a compliance officer. There are two priority actions that can be accomplished which are a

Prescription Drug Day or a water conservation ordinance. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the two priority actions needed. The Commission is in favor of the prescription drug route of either having 2 days in a year and/or having a prescription drug drop off box to remain certified with Sustainable Jersey.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF PLAQUE FOR ANN KASSAHUN IN APPRECIATION OF HER SERVICE

Motion was made by Mr. Murray and Second was made by Ms. Tulloss for the appropriation of \$84.00 for the plaque. This passed by unanimous vote.

MS. SILVERMAN AND MS. TULLOSS TO ATTEND NJLM CONFERENCE

Motion was made by Ms. Tulloss and Second was made by Mr. Murray for the appropriation of \$50.00 for the conference. This passed by unanimous vote.

There was a lengthy discussion initiated by Mr. Taylor regarding bulk trash pickup that the Commission discussed.

There was a lengthy discussion initiated by Ms. Felong regarding articles in the Borough Bulletin newsletter that the Commission discussed.

There was as lengthy discussion initiated by Ms. Tulloss regarding trees that have fell on the Valley Road path that the Commission discussed.

There was a lengthy discussion initiated by Ms. Tulloss regarding the Spotted Lanternfly that the Commission discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, on motion by Ms. Felong and second by Mr. Murray, this meeting was ended unanimously at 7:52 P.M.

Robin Tillou, Secretary