

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

February 17, 2021

Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom Meeting

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The Roll was called by Secretary Robin Tillou

ROLL CALL:

Present; Ashburner, Felong, Hamilton, Hartley, Murray, Ticktin, Tulloss, Silverman

Absent: None

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 on January 26, 2021 and in the Asbury Park Press on January 27, 2021 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.”

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY-APPOINTED MEMEBER: Chairperson Ticktin swore in the appointed member Michael Hamilton, Council Representative, three years, term ending 12/31/2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: Chairperson Ticktin opened the meeting to the public for the agenda. Seeing no public comment the public portion for the agenda was closed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Murray to approve the agenda and second was made by Ms. Silverman. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 16, 2020 – Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Murray to approve the December 16, 2020 minutes and second was made by Ms. Tulloss.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIASON: Chairperson Ticktin advised of the new law signed by Governor Murphy requiring municipalities to take into account climate change in

their master plan by the Planning Board. The Roosevelt Planning Board should contact the Environmental Commission to review and possibly comment when it is addressed by the Planning Board.

Mr. Hartley stated he would like to discuss this climate change law at the next Planning Board meeting to see what can be done to get this in the master plan soon.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIASON: Chairperson Ticktin reported the Council appointed Michael Hamilton to be the Environmental Commission liaison.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Forest Management – Vice Chairperson Murray reported that the Environmental Commission has submitted the annual accomplishment form for the community forest management plan and it was accepted by the State. Webinars were attended by EC members and there were plantings done with Mr. Taylor. Ms. Silverman’s proposal for the Ron Philip Trail upgrades were approved and funding from the Municipal Budget and the Ron Philip Woodland Memorial fund. Things are now ready to go for the trail improvements.

Ms. Silverman stated once Home Depot makes the decision in helping with the Home Depot Homer Fund and/or employees to physically help then we will set up dates to start the trail improvements. The Commission thanked Ms. Silverman on her hard work for the trail improvements.

Invasive Plant Species – Mr. Taylor did not have anything to report regarding invasive plant species.

Stream Monitoring – Ms. Tulloss reported there has yet to be an announcement of the training course from the Watershed Institute on the stream monitoring.

Ms. Tulloss reported the monitoring of the depth of the creek in the paved area is wide spread and the water level needs to be looked at.

Chairperson Ticktin reported the information from the sewer plant has not noticed any rising in the water level. Assunpink has dealt with it and the water level has went down again so we need to figure out where the problem is.

The Commission had a lengthy conversation regarding the water level on certain areas in Roosevelt.

Mr. Hartley suggested to contact Carmela Roberts, Township Engineer, on how to resolve the water level issue since it pertains to stormwater management.

Mr. Hamilton would like the Commission to advise him of the areas that are problematic and he will report those areas to Ms. Roberts.

Sustainable Jersey – Ms. Silverman reported the Environmental Commission has the bronze status and the Commission needs to work for the silver. The silver would show that we are active.

Ms. Silverman stated regarding the grants, February 22, 2021 is when the grant cycle begins. The small grant is \$2,000 and the large grant ranges from \$10,000 - \$20,000. Sustainable Jersey recommends applying for the small and the large grant to have a higher chance to get one of them.

Ms. Silverman stated we do have a chance to get our tree inventory study through the CSIP, Community Stewardship Incentive Program, if they offer it this year.

Ms. Silverman, Ms. Tulloss and Mr. Hamilton will work on the shelter location in Roosevelt during emergency situations.

The Commission had a lengthy conversation of possible emergency shelter locations, including the school and options to possibly go solar for the emergency location.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sustainable Jersey Grant Application - Ms. Silverman made a motion for the Council to adopt a resolution for the EC to apply for the Sustainable Jersey grant and a second was made by Mr. Hartley. This passed by unanimous vote.

Reimbursement to Ellen Silverman for Forestry Core Training – Ms. Tulloss made a motion to approve \$30 reimbursement to Ms. Silverman for Forestry Core Training and Vice Chairperson Murray offered a second. This passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairperson Ticktin opened the meeting to the public at 8:10 PM. Seeing no public comment Chairperson Ticktin closed the public forum at 8:10 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Felong to adjourn and second by Ms. Silverman, this meeting was ended unanimously at 8:12 P.M.

Robin Tillou, Secretary