

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 21, 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, April 21, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom Meeting

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### **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.”

The Roll was called by Secretary Robin Tillou

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Sam Ashburner, Tim Hartley, Michael Ticktin, Mary Tulloss, Ellen Silverman.

Absent: Kim Felong, Mike Hamilton, Nick Murray.

**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 Mary Tulloss to approve the agenda and second was made by Tim Hartley. This passed by unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** – Motion was made by Mary Tulloss to approve the meeting minutes and a second was made by Mr. Ashburner. The vote for the minutes were approved. Mary Tulloss Abstained due to not being present.

**REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIASON:** Mr. Hartley reported Governor Murphy signed into Climate Change Master Plan Element. Planning Board will need to address how to include it under current master plan. Former gas station property should be studied for future best use and zoning. Funds are being pursued by someone on Council to renovate the Amphitheater. No July 4<sup>th</sup> event this year due to Covid 19. Mr. Hartley later added that the vote on the Supplementary Regulations for the Storm Water Management Ordinance was approved.

and the approval was sent back to council. Planning Board confirmed it was consistent with the Zoning.

**REPORT OF COUNCIL LIASON:** Chairperson Ticktin reported Council approved the resolution for the Sustainable New Jersey Grants.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

**Administrative:** No report

**Trails-** Ellen Silverman reported that the trail material has been ordered and paid for from Home Depot and should be delivered in two deliveries Friday, 4/23/21 and the following week. Tim Hartley later mentions the puncheon towards Tamara needs tightening of the boards. The spacings are too much. Sam Ashburner wants to take materials from the newer projects and rework them to fill in the gaps.

**Forest Management-** Kim sent notes to Chairperson Ticktin to mention that two people will need to take a total of eight hours of classes for Forest Management. Ellen Silverman has already completed four hours for Tree ID at Rutgers and Michael Ticktin has offered to take some and request the available courses from Ms. Silverman

**Invasive Plant Species** – Steve will have milkweed plants for the July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Stream Monitoring-**No report.

**Sustainable Jersey-** Ellen Silverman stated the Sustainable Jersey Grant applications are completed and submitted. ANJEC Grant application for invasive plant removal has also been submitted. Both grants should respond by end of May 2021.

**Old Business** – Mary Tulloss wanted to confirm Sustainable Jersey questionnaire was received by Ellen Silverman. A final item needed is a letter from The Saint Bartholomew Church Food Pantry, Jamie Kosa is working on getting the letter. Mary will reach out to Jamie Kosa to get the letter by the end of April.

Mary Tulloss is looking for the PDF file of the Storm Drain System that was meant to be sent to the Commission by Mike Hamilton. Michael Ticktin will reach out to Mike Hamilton when he returns to send the file.

Tim Hartley questioned if anything has been established for the Water Level Gage. Ellen Silverman was given the contact information for Peter Winkler from Assunpink for the invasive species. Tim Hartley will be contacting Carmela Roberts

**New Business:** Mary Tullos expressed concern about the water levels between Rochdale and Tamara trail. Sam Ashburner also expressed the same concern. Discussion about the rising and receding water levels took place and possible reasons. Commission suggested Michael Ticktin reach out to Mayor Malkin and Council to have Monmouth County clean out the culvert under Rochdale.

Ellen Silverman asked if a tree has been decided to plant for Arbor Day. It was confirmed no tree has been decided yet.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chairperson Ticktin opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no public comment Chairperson Ticktin closed the public forum.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ellen Silverman motioned to adjourn Tim Hartley offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn.

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Kaitlyn Ippolito, Secretary