

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

August 18, 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, August 18, 2021 at 7:04 P.M. via Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/3251865085?pwd=L1RWNIhPYTZZdUZ5R3piT0NZWHhuUT09>

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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, Kaitlyn Ippolito

ROLL CALL:

Present: Sam Ashburner, Tim Hartley, Mike 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 at 7:05p.m. Seeing no public comment, the public portion for the agenda was closed at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion was made by Tim Hartley to approve the agenda and second was made by Mary Tulloss. This passed by unanimous vote.

WATERSHED INSTITUTE PRESENTATION: The presentation was cancelled and rescheduled for September 22, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 17, 2021 – A motion was made by Mary Tulloss to approve the April 19, 2021, minutes with a second from Tim Hartley. The Minutes passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIASON: None. Mike Ticktin mentions the location of demoed building, 19 Rochdale, is being looked at to build on.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIASON: No report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative- No report.

Forest Management- See attachment for Kim Felong's report.

Trails-Sam Ashburner and Ellen Silverman cleared off invasive species on the bike path. They used parts of a broken tree to line path and the wood chips that were added. Sam also bought the tarp to cover the lumber from the trail maintenance. A meeting will be scheduled by Sam with Ellen to come up with a maintenance plan to improve and add the puncheons. Ellen Silverman included the puncheons that were washed away from the storm have been replaced and a small puncheon has been added between the bike area and Route 571. Sam Ashburner gives a thank you to all volunteers including Kerry and Steve. Mary Tulloss suggests using Earth Anchors as a solution to keep the puncheons in place.

Invasive Plant Species – Stephan Taylor reported that Swamp Milkweeds are available for Fall to give out.

Stream Monitoring- Mary Tulloss stated that training was delayed because of limited supplies but new dates have been provided and a new schedule is being done.

Sustainable Jersey- Ellen Silverman announced that Kim Felong, herself have created a Facebook Page with activities listed, including volunteer events and webinars. 70 to 100 points were used from the grant. Carmela Roberts is writing more grants that are 50 to 60 points. Those points will bring Roosevelt Borough to the Silver level. Ellen Silverman will be away at the next due date and is asking Sam Ashburner or Kim Felong to make sure everything is covered.

Old Business: Tim Hartley mentions the stream level gage at Empty Box Brook. Carmela Roberts suggested to establish their own informal gage. A discussion took place on possible locations and measurement tools. Sam Ashburner was asked to look into different possibilities and come up with a recommendation.

New Business: Sam Ashburner mentions that a very informative flyer was at the Allentown library for the Spotted Lantern Fly. Sam asked to have it on the Facebook page and possibly post it at the Post Office. Sam is going to pull the flyer from the website listed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Mary Tulloss motioned to adjourn Sam Ashburner offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 7:33 P.M.

Kaitlyn Ippolito, Secretary