

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

October 20, 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, October 20, 2021 at 7:04 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, Kaitlyn Ippolito

ROLL CALL:

Present: Kim Felong, Tim Hartley, Nick Murray, Mike Ticktin, Mary Tulloss,
Ellen Silverman

Absent: Sam Ashburner, Mike Hamilton

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: Chairperson Ticktin opened the meeting to the public for the agenda at 7:02p.m. Seeing no public comment, the public portion for the agenda was closed at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion was made by Kim Felong to approve the agenda and second was made by Nick Murray. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Monmouth County Environmental News.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIASON: Tim Hartley explains the Planning Board met to discuss the need to revisit the master plan regarding redesignation the R-40 zone. There was also a proposal to rebuild the house at 19 South Rochdale Ave. It was tabled until December. Mike Ticktin explains the history of the house and the R-40 zone.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIASON: Mike Ticktin informs the commission that Mike Hamilton briefed council on the Watershed Institute's presentation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative- No report.

Forest Management- Kim Felong informs the Environmental Commission that Nick Murray emailed Emily, who confirmed the core training he received will not count towards the grant. Bob Atwood did confirm he will take the core training next year if it is offered online. Kim will reach out to Joe Trammell to see if he has acquired any training. Ellen Silverman took a webinar and only one more credit is needed. Ellen Silverman informed everyone that she attended the NJAC conference and they offered CEUs for forest Management.

Trails-Ellen Silverman informs the Environmental Commission the Art walk had taken place. But before the walk a group of volunteers mulched the trails to make it more passable. Ellen sent Kim the volunteer hours.

Invasive Plant Species – Stephan Taylor reported that the Japanese knotweed on Rochdale by Empty Box Brook that were removed once before, did come back. They were removed again and will be monitored. Ellen Silverman said there was some on the bike trail as well.

Stream Monitoring- Mary Tulloss congratulations Ellen and the team that worked on the trail for the Art walk. Corky and Mary did their second stream monitoring tests and submitted their results. Tim Hartley and Sam Ashburner will be moving ahead with the installation of the water level gage, Nick Murray has agreed to participate.

Sustainable Jersey- Ellen Silverman asked Kim Felong and Mike Ticktin for another meeting. The Tree Inventory grant has been approved for about \$8,500. Ellen Silverman will be seeing the forester at the Shade Tree Conference and will discuss further at that time. A quote is needed from another forester, which Ana from Borough Hall is going to pursue.

Old Business: Kim Felong spoke to Rick Pressular and he will inserting the brochures in the next bulletin.

New Business: Ellen Silverman asks for the map or report for where the storm drains are located. Mike Ticktin suggests bringing it up at the next meeting when Mike Hamilton is present. But will still speak to him in the meantime.

Nick Murray addresses the question on the Roosevelt Facebook page regarding the markers on the trail and what they signify. Nick explains that it is a guided walk for younger children, but the older wooden ones were from a boy scout project. Nick asked if the Environmental Commission Facebook page would like to post on their page. Kim states she will post it.

Mary Tulloss asked Mike Ticktin to post more information on the Agenda, Mike Ticktin suggests sending him anything they want him to include.

Kim Felong asks Tim Hartley how often the levels are going to be monitored. Tim responds that it will need to be discussed and determined who will doing it and how often.

Mary Tulloss says she can keep track a gage at the area of Rochdale and Tamara, where she is already doing stream monitoring.

Tim will look into placement options, and they can discuss further at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Kim Felong motioned to adjourn Ellen Silverman offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 7:33 P.M.

Kaitlyn Ippolito, Secretary