

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

May 18, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 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 and the Asbury Park Press on February 11, 2022 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.”

The Roll was called by Chairperson Michael Ticktin

ROLL CALL:

Present: Kim Felong, Mike Ticktin, Mary Tulloss, Ellen Silverman, David Teich

Absent: Sam Ashburner, Mike Hamilton, Tim Hartley, 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 Dave Teich to approve the agenda and second was made by Kim Felong. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 20, 2022 – Mary Tulloss made a motion to approve the April 20, 2022, minutes with a second from Dave Teich. The Minutes passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: Tim Harley asked to add Avian Flu vs. backyard feeders, he contacted NJ Audubon and learned that the NJ Audubon is not recommending people take down their feeders as some may have heard. The issue is mainly western states where the widespread infection of domestic chickens possibly can be carried by wild birds.

Mary Macher of Farm Lane asked if the Environmental Commission would be interested in planting a few May Apple trees that she has available somewhere along the Woodland Trail.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative: None

Forest Management: Kim Felong reports we still need five more credits between two people. If anyone is available, please feel free. There is one coming up tomorrow regarding using sustainable using timber and wood in educational settings. It's a lunch time webinar. Kim will forward to all. Ellen Silverman states we now have a member of the public here, Hilary Wilder, is it correct that a member of the public in Roosevelt can take one of these courses for credit? Kim Felong responds; yes, provided that the three courses are taken, and only by one person. There are two courses that may pertain to the public and Kim will post on the Facebook page.

NJUCF - Michael Ticktin asks for an update on the Stewardship Grant – Ellen Silverman we still have not been able to locate our forester. Ellen suggests that after this week she will contact NJUCF and ask what we should do. In early May he stated he got the contract and was waiting for his insurance company to send him paperwork for us.

Trails: Ellen Silverman reports in April we voted on and the budget request has been forward to the Borough Council

Invasive Plant Species: Ellen Silverman reports for Steve, we have been doing invasive plant removal around the amphitheater. There has been 13.5 hours of invasive plant removal, all up by the amphitheater. A lot still needs to be done. Hilary Wilder and her husband Michael did a great job last week, they have this very handy tool (weed wrench) for removing invasive plants and the part that was done has opened up the woods. Kim Felong found the tool. It's called "Uprooter". She will forward to Maria the information and Maria will purchase one through Clean Communities.

Also joining the meeting is Peggy Sharkey.

Ellen Silverman states that both Peggy and Hilary have helped on trail maintenance, very active volunteers. The next meeting for trail work will be Saturday morning from 9:00am-12:00noon.

Stream Monitoring: Mary Tulloss reports that this is the third weekend of the month so it is stream monitoring weekend, Jane & Mary will be out on Sunday doing monitoring. We have active beavers, definitely two and possibly three, in the stream on the Solar Village side. The commissioners have a discussion on the beavers. Ellen will alert Peter Winkler from the Assunpink about the beavers.

Sustainable Jersey: Ellen Silverman reports Sustainable Jersey report first deadline May 22 we have posted 185 points, will post another 35 points when the internet is back. We have reached the first deadline goal of enough point for reward program. The grant closes out at the end of June. Ellen would like to schedule the trail sign and Environmental Commission bulletin board dedication at the 4th July picnic. We can have everyone there, the Mayor, invite

Sustainable Jersey and wrap it up in a big way. One item outstanding actions is the Green Team calendar of events.

Community Involvement: Mary Tulloss states she noticed the kiosk up by the cemetery is missing map. Dave Teich is working on reproducing an image of it. If we get a PDF of the map Dave can create any size. Ellen states one thing related to the community is having like a constant contact – a way people can sign up for volunteering and keeping them updated in case of any changes. Dave Teich says collecting email address and have a place to store a list. With constant contact we can create a graphical email. Ellen has heard from many volunteers that they may be available to volunteer during their lunch hour, so maybe we can have a form for them to fill out with when, where and how long they were out volunteering. Members discuss constant contact and if we should move forward with an account. Peggy asks about invasive plants and how to recognize them, and if they should be removed from their own properties. Mary Tulloss states there is a lot of garlic mustard, it's a good one to get rid of. Kim Felong states that at the 4th. Of July picnic we can have a poster showing invasive species. As to Peggy's question: it's always a good thing to start in your own backyard. Dave Teich states he is a graphic designer and he can print up to about 17 inches wide and any length. Ellen states that ANJEC has some handouts and will check with the master gardeners to see if they have anything on invasive plants that we can have for the 4th. Of July.

Motion was made by Dave Teich to establish a group email service for the Green Team for the purpose of building a mailing list and notifying list members of events and a second was made by Ellen Silverman. This passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

EC table and activities for July 4 – Ellen Silverman states she did want to have the dedication of the Trail Kiosk and display compost area over by the amphitheater. Also looking at ANJEC display brochure, we may want a few of those. Mary Tulloss states in the last ANJEC magazine it stated they will come out and do games, demonstrations and things. Ellen states they may not be available on the 4th. Of July, they may just have games are available for us. ANJEC supplies, games, displays, documentary DVD's and other resources. Ellen states she is also a Master Gardener in Ocean County, and shares some of their programs available.

Mary Tulloss finds the ANJEC reports and shares how ANJEC can help you with your next event. It's agreed that we should choose what we would like and then contact ANJEC to see what is available. Question is the borough is having the 4th. of July celebration on Monday July 4, 2022? Ana confirmed that the celebration will take place on Monday, July 4, 2022.

Green Team calendar of activities – Ellen Silverman states that she and Dave worked on a calendar of events from May through December and shares the programs. There is one major event planned per month, the one for May is May 28; it is introduction to composting workshop. How we proceed with the next months should probably be determined by if anyone shows up for this one. Ellen would like to reach out to the Watershed ambassador to do a rain barrel workshop. Peggy asks where the workshops are posted? They are posted on the Environmental Commission page.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairperson Ticktin opened the meeting to the public. No Public Comment. Chairperson Ticktin closed the public forum.

Mary Tulloss states we already had our liter pickup, but has noticed a lot of liter along Route 571. Maria explains how any group can do a pickup at their convenience.

ADJOURNMENT: Kim Felong motioned to adjourn Ellen Silverman offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 8:14 P.M.

Maria Dellasala, Secretary