

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

July 20, 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, July 20, 2022 at 7:15 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 Secretary Maria Dellasala

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mike Hamilton, Tim Hartley (arrived at 7:20pm), Mike Ticktin, Mary Tulloss, Ellen Silverman, David Teich

Absent: Sam Ashburner, Kim Felong, 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 Ellen Silverman. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 15, 2022 – Dave Teich made a motion to approve the June 15, 2022, minutes with a second from Mary Tulloss. The Minutes passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: None – there was no Planning Board meeting.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: Mike Hamilton reports on the Council meeting from Monday, July 18, 2022 – it was a very light meeting, as far as business was concerned. The Council introduced a new ordinance dealing with dangerous dogs, discussion and public hearing will take place on Tuesday, August, 2, 2022. The Borough has also hired a new Animal Control Service; we will go into a pilot program with Manalapan Township. Under correspondence there was a letter from Rick and Hope Pressler regarding the dangerous dog incident on Farm Lane. Two letters were received, one from Alissa Schembry and one from Fund for Roosevelt, both

regarding the Cannabis cultivation and both urging the Borough Council to reject any proposal for Cannabis. Mary Tulloss asks Mike if he knows when the council will be discussing cannabis? Mike Hamilton states we would like to see it go to a committee, we are going to take our time, to address everyone's concerns.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative: None

Forest Management: Ellen Silverman states Mike Ticktin, Mary Tulloss, Ellen Silverman and Hilary have signed up for one of the CEU classes, it's Ellen's understanding that only one person can get the CEU's. Both Mike and Mary state that they applied for CEU's. Kim will get the report from the DEP on the CEU's. Ellen did the class today and asks if anyone is attending the last one, Mike said he signed up.

NJUCF/TRAILS - Ellen Silverman states for the tree inventory - Ron Farr will be available in August, she has not heard back from him. Trails there has been continuation of standard volunteer times, we have been mulching. Yesterday we used the new Uprooter – it works and we were able to get some things done.

Invasive Plant Species: None

Stream Monitoring: Mary Tulloss reports this past weekend is the 3rd., weekend, so it's stream monitoring. Corkey and Jane did the stream monitoring. They made note that they found this time a lot of Japanese stilt grass.

Sustainable Jersey: Ellen Silverman reports that we've been through the first round and got the information back; of our action points we got 100 points approved we have 105 that still need to be updated. Ellen will meet with her Green Action committee by August 29 needs to be updated. To maintain our bronze status, we need 150 points. Hilary is working on the water story which will give us 20 points. Ellen is working on the grant reporting to make sure we don't lose any of the money. The money needs to be spent by the end of the month. Ellen is working on changes that need to be made and we will probably get the extension, we will just report later than the July date.

Community Involvement: Mary Tullos reports EC table and activities for July 4 picnic, Steve wanted her to report that 60 swamp milk weed were given out. He wrote a nice article for the bulletin, which will not be out until September. We had a very active day, we had a water story from ANJEC, a plink game and our traditional spin the wheel game. The kids loved it, they loved the tattoos.

Ellen Silverman reports that she was in Borough Hall today ordering from Home Depot for the Sustainable Jersey Grant, for the two benches for the compost area. Ana advised that the money for the Trail Maintenance will be available after the adoption of the budget.

Mary Tulloss speaks about the mushroom walk, due to there being no rain, we have had to cancel the walk. We will try again the last Sunday in August.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Ellen Silverman motioned to adjourn Mary Tulloss offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 7:40 P.M.

Maria Dellasala, Secretary