

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

September 21, 2022 Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Roosevelt was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ticktin on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 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 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 Ticktin, Mary Tulloss, Ellen Silverman, David Teich

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 17, 2022 – Dave Teich made a motion to approve the August 17, 2022, minutes with a second from Mary Tulloss. The Minutes passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: None

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: Michael Hamilton reports: The Borough will be replacing the trickling system (system is 85 years old), could cost up to 3 million dollars. The project will be financed through Bonds. Ellen asks how much time are we talking about. Mike states that the Borough Engineer did a complete study, it will take time, maybe next year. Ellen asks if it will be designed by the Borough Engineer? Mike replies Yes. Ellen asks if the design will be covered? Mike states whatever the cost to the town it will be paid over time and we will check with the County and DEP for funding. The Council moved to pass a resolution to move forward with a County Open Space Trust Grant for the 12 acres on Block 7 Lot 10.04. We have an

excellent chance of receiving the grant and we will have 2 partners in the project. Unfortunately, we have missed this year's grant cycle and we will be applying for next year's grant. Hopefully we may get a conditional approval. Connie Herrstrom is committee liaison to Community Development and will be forming a sub-committee, she would like various people from the community to be involved to apply for the grant to restore the Amphitheater. Ellen Said she would be interested in being a part of the sub-committee. This is another County grant we've been advised to apply for, we can apply for up to \$250,000. Mike also reports that the Council will be holding their October 17, 2022 meeting live and in person. They will advertise one meeting at a time to see how it goes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative: Mike Hamilton again states that the Council is moving to in person meetings, the Environmental Commission is not obligated to do the same. Mike Hamilton and Mike Ticktin both state they like Zoom meetings, Covid has not gone away. Hilary Wilder states she is fine with Zoom meetings especially with winter coming. Ellen Silverman feels more public might show up if in person, Dave Teich states he is fine with Zoom.

Forest Management: Ellen Silverman states she received an email from Kim Felong stating someone from the Council needs to participate in the Core training (it's a 2-day meeting) or we will lose our certification. Mike Hamilton states he will try to get another Council person to attend. Ellen also states that she has been trying to get in touch with the Forester, Ron Farr, 2 weeks ago he called and said he would be doing the inventory on Saturday, however he still has not produced his business registration to the Borough to start the work. Ellen texted him and he has not gotten back to her, she will compile the information and forward to the Borough Attorney.

NJUCF/TRAILS – Ellen Silverman states we have been mulching through the summer, there has been some erosion at the trail head on 571. Ellen also advised that the 5th. graders will be holding a fund raiser and they will be using the trail. The fundraiser is for the 5th, grade trip. We are on the trails the 2nd. & 4th. Thursdays from 6:00pm-8:00pm and the 3rd. Saturday from 9:00am-noon, come out and join us.

Invasive Plant Species: Ellen Silverman reports that we have done some cleaning up by the Amphitheater and are currently working on the KIOS benches.

Stream Monitoring: Mary Tulloss reports we have now done 13 months of testing and she has asked the Watershed Institute for an analysis. We received a summary of average parameters, we will now be able to see how we are doing.

Sustainable Jersey: Ellen Silverman reports that Kim is working on bringing up our points, we need 50 more points to maintain our Bronze certification, 2 major parts still need to be done.

Community Involvement: Ellen Silverman states that we have events coming up, September 10 – Compost, November 5 – native seed collection workshop and December 24 – winter sewing workshop.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Ellen Silverman states that she sent to the Council members a letter requesting a seed library and would like to know the feelings of the Environmental Commission members regarding a seed library. People can collect seeds from their plants or buy seeds and donate or you can come and take seeds. Seeds need to be stored at room temperature. Best placed to host the seed library would be Borough Hall. Ellen Silverman makes a motions for a Roosevelt seed library in which seeds will be based on donations by residents, motion is second by Mary Tulloss, all are in favor.
- Mary Tulloss states that RAP and RASP will be having a town wide litter pick up on October 30, 2022, this will be in conjunction with Clean Communities.
- Mike Hamilton states on Pine Drive they are spraying for Mosquitos and there is no appropriate signage – there are concerns about what chemical is being used. It is suggested that there are friendly ways to treat lawns, such as garlic oil and natural substances and residents may not be aware of this. Michael Ticktin states he will write an article advising residents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Ellen Silverman motioned to adjourn Dave Teich offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 8:04 P.M.

Maria Dellasala, Secretary