

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

November 17, 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, November 17, 2021 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 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, Kim Felong, Nick Murray, Mike Ticktin, Mary Tulloss, Ellen Silverman

Absent: Kim Felong, Mike Hamilton, Tim Hartley

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 Mary Tulloss to approve the agenda and second was made by Nick Murray. This passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 22, 2021 – Mary Tulloss asked that we amend the Stream Monitoring Report to reflect it was Mary and Corkey who went out to do the stream monitoring and not Ellen and Corky. Mary Tulloss states on the October 20, 2021 under old business Rick’s last name is spelt Pressler and he will insert the brochures in the next bulletin. Mary Tulloss made a motion to approve with amendments the September 22, 2021 and October 20, 2021, minutes with a second from Nick Murray. The Minutes passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIASON: None

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIASON: Mike Ticktin reports that at the council meeting there was discussion on the Tree Ordinance, Mike remaindered them that the Environmental Commission at the time gave them a list of things that probably would not be enforceable; which has turned out to be the case. I expressed hope that it would be re-visited. Ellen Silverman states that she was a part of the group that was to review the ordinance and asks if Mike knows if the group is planning on getting together? Mike does not know.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative - No report.

Forest Management - Ellen Silverman states that she thinks Kim got all the CEU's she needed or the Forest Management Report.

Trails – Sam Ashburner has nothing specific other than he's been on most of the trail recently and they look good to him

Invasive Plant Species – Steve Taylor reports that he reported previously that there are some Barberry behind Borough Hall, the other day I removed some of those. There's about 6-person hours' worth of work, so sometime in December he will send out an email to get a group together to finish removing the Barberries. Ellen Silverman asks Steve if he would like her to put this out on the Facebook page, once you come up with a date? Steve states that would be a good idea and will let Ellen know when he has a date.

Stream Monitoring – Mary Tulloss states that this weekend coming is the third weekend of the month so it's stream monitoring weekend. Also this weekend Mary has to take a quality assurance program at the Watershed, they want to make sure people are doing things correctly. Jane and Corkey will get their training in December. Mary states that she sent an email to Mike, I see the weather for Friday – it's going to be 47 degrees and certain things have to be done at the stream but other things that you can bring your samples back, so Mary is hoping to be able to use Borough Hall in the kitchen area to do some testing. Mike Ticktin will ask.

Sustainable Jersey – Ellen Silverman reports that Mike Ticktin, Kim Felong and Ellen met; we worked on the Virtual Green Fair, it is a showing of 5 different Environmental videos. The second one was shown last night it was on food waste. The next one will be November 30th. Ana has placed it on the Borough website and it is also on the e-blast. Ellen has emailed all members of the Environment Commission all of the information.

Old Business:

Stream Water Level Gauges – Sam Ashburner states, he, Nick and Kim are trying to get together to do this, just coordinating schedules.

Stormwater Maps – Mike Ticktin states we are waiting on information from Borough and asks if anyone has any information on the stormwater drain maps.

Ellen Silverman mentions that Kim Felong did send out the information on the adopt a storm drain, was that presented to the council, where is it in the process? Mike Ticktin states lets vote on it and sent to the council. Ellen Silverman motions that the Environmental Commission send over a

recommendation to the council to do the storm water adopting that Kim has put together, Mike Ticktin states we are asking resident to commitment to the maintenance of a specific storm drain, with a second from Sam Ashburner. The motion passed.

Sustainable Jersey Grant -

New Business:

Environmental video – Ellen Silverman would like to submit that we support the virtual green fair, 5 videos over 5 different nights, we have 3 left to be shown, 1 in November and 2 in December. We are inviting the community to watch them. Ellen Silverman motions to endorse the Virtual Green Fair and ask people to view the videos, with a second from Mary Tulloss. The motion passed.

Maintenance of path between RPS and Tamara-Pine Tringle – Mary Tulloss states that this has been brought to her attention by Jeb Shahn, the pathway that kids from Tamara and Pine use to get to school and frequently gets very wet and was wondering if what’s done on other trails can be done there? With special attention that bicycles will be riding there, so the spacing of the boards would need to be very tight. The safe routes to school grant, that Mike Hamilton has spoken about, can that be used for this purpose. Sam Ashburner has concerns with bikes on the path, which is heavier traffic. Also the path is used daily by kids and parents and feels we should engage the Borough Engineer. Ellen Silverman suggests we put down some mulch, it will not be permanent and not last necessarily 1 year, but it will help to absorb some of the water in the area. It will not solve the problem and we still need to address. We can get volunteers to put down the mulch. Mike Ticktin will bring to Mike Hamilton so he can bring to the Borough Council.

Sam Ashburner wanted to pass on to everyone: recently he was in the Assunpink and noticed a sign asking people to wear orange and bright colors while hiking and maybe if walking between the cemetery and Solar Village make sure your wearing something bright. He’s not sure if there was any kind of accident.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

Maria Dellasala, Secretary