

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

December 21, 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, December 21, 2022 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 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: Kim Felong, Michael 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: November 16, 2022 – Mary Tulloss made a motion to approve the November 16, 2022, minutes with a second from Dave Teich. The Minutes passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON: None

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Administrative: None - Michael Ticktin states it's the end of the year, and he has indicated to the Mayor that someone else be appointed as Chairperson next year.

Forest Management: Kim Felong states that we are all set on credits for NJ Urban and Community Forestry, we have 10.5 credits and only needed 8. In February the annual report is due, Kim will assist if need be. The ongoing CORE training issue, they do have us listed as certified. We should still have an elected official take the CORE training in the spring. Michael Ticktin states that the council has spoken about it and none of the council members feel like they have the time. Michael Ticktin states that Ellen Silverman has been sending out information on the Grant, unfortunately the Forrester we hired did not work out. We may need to look about changing the scope of the contract.

NJUCF/TRAILS – No Report.

Invasive Plant Species: Steve Taylor states he has nothing to report.

Stream Monitoring: Mary Tulloss reports last weekend was our stream monitoring, and it was cold out there. We will need to order some more chemicals from the Watershed. The Engineer came out to look at the bridge he noted the beaver is undercutting a number of bridges in the County. If there is a situation that arises on a homeowner's property it will be up to the homeowner to take care of the problem. Mary Tulloss sent an email to the watershed and asked if they have any problems with the beavers, some tress will be going over soon – they said they haven't seen any beaver activity in the watershed. Michael Ticktin states that he read an article that said that beavers were very important to the environment, and do their part to sustain the wetlands.

Sustainable Jersey: Ellen Silverman reports we did get our special use permit for both 2023 general trail work and also for re-routing the trail. We've ordered the trail material, most still waiting for it to come in and we've ordered signs. (4 new benches and the enclosure is going to be expanded).

Community Involvement: No report.

Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

Ellen Silverman proposes to purchase of 25 Green Team t-shirts for volunteers and adopters of storm drains and trail work. Ellen Silverman makes a motion to approve spending \$333 for Green Team t-shirts, with a second from Dave Teich. Kim Felong asks if we can have people buy them, Ellen Silverman replies that's where we need further discussion. What should the procedure be? Ellen Silverman will check with Ana to see what is the best way. Ellen Silverman states if this passes tonight then we will purchase with this year's allocation. The motion was unanimously passed.

Ellen Silverman would like to have a collaboration with RPS (board, staff, Education Foundation) on calendar of events for Environmental Family Action Group. Michael Ticktin states that after it passes the Environmental Commission, he will bring to the School Board. Part of the discussion takes place regarding the calendar and who will do what aspect of it. Michael Ticktin thinks it should be run by the school principal. Ellen Silverman is trying to put together an Environmental Family Action Group. Ellen Silverman asks Mary Tulloss to approach her group to see if they have interest. Mary Tulloss suggests that she and Ellen Silverman speak

more about the collaboration. Discuss posting events that families could do together that benefit the Environment.

Ellen Silverman has been in contact with a member of the Millstone Township Environmental Commission about possible projects that we can work on together. We share the same Recycling Coordinator and possibly we can collaborate on watershed activities and Sustainable Jersey. Maria Dellasala will call Dan Specht, Recycling Coordinator and give him a heads up and Ellen Silverman will speak the Millstone Environmental Commission member and put together a plan.

Sustainable Jersey: Ellen Silverman reports that we are not currently certified for bronze we have 110 points, we had the required action, we had to have a green team, we had the correct number of priorities but we only have 110 points out of the 150 points needed. We also only had 4 out of the required categories. At the end of this month 40 more points are going to expire, we still have 85 points to put through which includes the Municipal Water Story. In January we will have the public input on the Water Story. Ellen Silverman states there are additional programs coming in 2023. There is also a chance to work with a student from Montclair University, we can request a student works with you on certain actions; that student will put in 80 hours between February and April.

New Business: None

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

ADJOURNMENT: Kim Felong motioned to adjourn Dave Teich offered a second. It was unanimously passed to adjourn at 7:48 P.M.

Michael Ticktin thanks Kim Felong for her service.

Maria Dellasala, Secretary