

**REGULAR MEETING**

**ROOSEVELT BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 7:00 PM, Roosevelt Borough Hall**

**OPENING MEETING: (Time)\_\_\_\_\_**

**ROLL CALL:** Ashburner, Hamilton, Hartley, Teich, Ticktin, Tulloss, Silverman, Schneider (Alt 1), Ben Johnson (Atl 2)

**ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT:** Adequate notice of this meeting has been given, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, by notices published in the Asbury Park Press on March 21, 2023 and the Times of Trenton on March 22, 2023 and posted on the bulletin boards in the Borough Hall and at the Roosevelt Post Office.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 15, 2023**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Sustainable Land Use Pledge Resolution passed by the Borough Council on April 3, 2023.
2. ANJEC 2023 Environmental Commission Grants – 2023 ANJEC Grants for Open Space Stewardships Projects – Applications due Monday, April 17, 2023.
3. DEP’s Stormwater Program is accepting informal comments on its draft model tree ordinance.
4. The 2023 New Jersey Sustainability Summit is Only One Month Away.
5. Webinar: NJ’s Plastic Reduction Law, One Year Later – Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

**REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD LIAISON**

**REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

Administrative

Forest Management

Invasive Plant Species

Stream Monitoring

Sustainable Jersey

Community Involvement

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Earth Day

**Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration**

**April 22, 2023**

**9:00am – 1:00 pm**

**Borough Council, Environmental Commission, Roosevelt School, Watershed**

**Goals**

- Introduce Community members to our streams
- The importance of trees
- Remove trash from Trails and Streams
- Educate on non-point pollution and tree identification
- Increase membership to Green Team

**Activities**

**Proclamation and Tree Planting 12:30**

**Town tree sapling give away (there are two give away streams: 1. The Wetlands Institute will be giving one away to Stream Clean up volunteers. 2. A limited number will be available to the town from the EC purchase of bare root trees. (the time will be based on this one when the trees come in)**

**Stream Clean up**

**Those that official sign up with Watershed Institute will get a tree sapling**

Litter pick up on trail and stream (need 5-6 team leaders for this activity)

**Area 1:** Behind Tamara Drive from Road, Area from road leading into Assunpink to Sewer Treatment plant (This is a large and difficult terrain area may need to be divided up further) Special use permit needed for this area.

**Area 2:** Assunpink stream on land across from Brown Street to Rising Sun Lake. Special use permit needed for this area.

**Area 3:** Stream and wetlands near trail between Tamara and School

**Area 4:** Stream and wetland area between 571 and Valley Bike Trail

**Area 5:** Stream and Wetland area between Valley bike trail and Cemetery

\*Display of information about RPS educational activities for Earth Day”

**Environmental Commission Information Table** at Compost Display area. Included in this area Water Story, signups for the green team and for the Adopt the Stream program. (Need two people to be at table)

**Dessert and Discussion, Community Outreach information table resources, and Water Story Community Outreach in Reports of Committees:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. New Jersey Shade Tree Federation Membership**
- 2. Acknowledgement and thanks for the roof repair on the EC Shed**
- 3. Trail Day Event**  
Trail Day - June 3, 2023, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Proposal

Goals

Introduce Community members to their hometown trails.

Remove trash from Trails and Streams

Educate Trail users about "leave no Trace" policy

Increase membership to Green Team

Activities

Trail Cleanup

Litter pick up on trail and stream (need 4 team leaders for this activity)

Activities for Children: Fairy Garden Tour (partnership with School). Fairy gardens made by Roosevelt art students will be on trail. The students will give a tour of their creation.

"Leave No Trace" demo and talk. At Compost Display area at School Trailhead (need Speaker)  
Environmental Commission Information Table at Compost Display area. Included in this area signups for the green team and for the Adopt the Stream program. (Need two people to be at table)

4. **Discuss 4<sup>th</sup> of July Environmental Commission involvement**
5. **Partnering with Borough Council on Stormwater runoff mapping and education (needed for MS4 permit)**
6. **Partnering with Borough Council on safe street initiatives, helping with the mapping and fact finding information to encourage a community based decision related to the proposed road work plans, inclusion of physical traffic calming element (speed humps)**
7. **Report on the Amphitheater Project.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT: (TIME)\_\_\_\_\_**