

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Meeting Date/Time** Monday, July 18, 2016; 7:45 PM

**Meeting Location** Montvale Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale

Robert Hanrahan, Acting Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:45pm. Chairman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Record and/or the Ridgewood News informing the public of the time and place according to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

**Resignation-William Antczak-** Mr. Antczak resigned from the Environmental Commission by a letter to Mayor Ghassali.

### **Roll Call**

Members: Daniel Eichhorn, Interim Chairman Robert Hanrahan, Richard Johnson, Randall Preston, Lisa Skoglund, & Dante Teagno.

Absent: Ms. Judy Russo

Also Present: Ms. R. Lorraine Hutter, Acting Secretary

**Approval of Minutes-** June 20, 2016- Mr. Hanrahan made one change on page 2 and Mr. Eichhorn stated he was present. Secretary noted the changes. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Preston and seconded by Ms. Skoglund, Mr. Eichhorn abstaining and all others stating aye.

**Meeting Opened to Public-** Agenda & Non- Agenda items –Motion made by Mr. Teagno to open to the public and seconded by Mr. Preston, no one from the public present a motion to close was made by Ms. Skoglund and seconded by Mr. Teagno.

### **Communication/Correspondence**

- Natural Resource Inventory Committee – R. Hanrahan-Chairman asked that this item be taken off the agenda moving forward.
- Environmental Commission Issues - R. Hanrahan- Mr. Hanrahan went over

**Planning Board Liaison Report:** D. Teagno

### **Applicant –not appearing just asking for review**

- Montvale Super Value LLC-12 Railroad Avenue-Block 1601-15 –Ms. Skoglund asked how are these plantings going to get water, and irrigation on the Southside of the property. Maser letters. Rear property line buffer. Randy Preston, note 11, with to Gus. Number 2 of his list. What should be the individual plants, in item number 1. Plant list –The environmental commission on a whole was not pleased with the submission, individual symbols for individual plantings, you need unique symbols, the arborvitaes were in question, what are the centers, there are 50 and you cannot determine the centers. They need to be redone. Add note that irrigation is necessary and should be described on the south and east side as well. Planting Plan Y2 environmental commission didn't receive such document. ITEM 6, the word "the" should be taken out. We would like to see the updated professional review plan.

### **Old Business**

- Draft of tree ordinance –Mr. Hanrahan asked to keep up the list of properties that have been clear cut. He would like to make a subcommittee he is waiting to hear back from the Borough Attorney on how he can. He would hope it would take 3 to 6 months with a problem statement with an end objective.
- Activity List-Take on the role on the line item to spend some time observing and looking at plantings in the downtown road. Mr. Preston volunteered. It will include the north and south parks. Mr. Hanrahan talked about the trees that were pruned on Grand Avenue. It was pruned to maintain proper distance from the power line. You end up with the trees looking like they do he stated. These trees are located on the north side of Grand Avenue between Woodland and Akers. Richard Johnson will make a list of things that need to be done within town and the borough properties. Clean up of properties was discussed.

Stormwater management-clean water act was discussed. Mr. Hanrahan stated that there is grant monies every 6 to 12 months from the state and county. ANJEC also have monies and a grant department.

### **New Business**

- Website updates and articles-
- Montvale Clear Cutting Log

Opened to the public made by Mr. Teagno and seconded by Mr. Preston. Ms. Susan Heyman, 64 Summit Avenue came forward. Ms. Heyman would like the list of properties. Mr. Teagno stated that it should be run by the attorney in regard to what can be listed and given out. Mr. Hanrahan is looking for feedback. Review of the properties will be helpful in doing a tree ordinance. A motion to close Mr. Teagno and seconded by Mr. Eichhorn

### **Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Skoglund and seconded by Mr. Preston. All present stating aye. Meeting was adjourned.*

### **2016 Meeting Dates**

Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17 & Nov. 21 (no meeting in December)

Respectively Submitted by:

R. Lorraine Hutter, Acting Secretary