

**Montvale Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, New Jersey**  
**Executive Council Chambers at 7:45 pm**  
**March 19, 2018**

Chairman Hanrahan called the meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 8:15 pm. 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).

**Roll call:** D. Eichhorn (P), Chairman R. Hanrahan (P), M. Jensen (A), R. Johnson (P), M. Kelly (A), R. Preston (P), L. Skoglund (P), & PB Liaison A. Russo (A)

**Non-members:** Secretary J. Russo (P) & Councilman D. Koelling (P)

**Contractual Employee:** Gus De Blasio, Maser Consulting P.A. Landscape Architect (A)

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Hanrahan

**Meeting Opened/Closed to the Public:**




- A motion to open the meeting to the Public was made by D.Eichhorn & seconded by R. Johnson. There was no one from the public wishing to be heard. A motion to close the meeting to the Public was made by D. Eichhorn and seconded by R. Preston.

**Minutes**

- A motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018 was made by R. Johnson & seconded by L. Skoglund.
- A motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2018, Special Tri-Boro West meeting was made by R. Hanrahan & seconded by L. Skoglund.
- All approved minutes will be posted on the borough website.

**New Business**

- Mr. Glickman; 18 Winding Way, Woodcliff Lake is seeking the commission's approval to replace memoriam trees for a friend which were planted in 1992 and now needs to be replaced. Downes Tree Service has tested the soil and has recommended particular spruces. The trees will be replanted in same location and then mulched. The EC approved the plantings. The secretary explained to Mr. Glickman that he will need to send an email to the borough administrator & M&C requesting permission and to provide a Certificate of Liability from the tree service. After approval, secure a date and coordinate it with the MAL schedule. Mr.Glickman said he would also like to have small private re-dedication of the trees. The EC thanked him for sharing his personal story and will provide any assistance he needs.
- Kari Solomon a member of a new civic group *Montvale For All*, attended the meeting to offer the group's assistance with any projects. Members of the group will volunteer to help with Montvale Clean Up Day.
- Mrs. Solomon has offered to help write the ANJEC grant. L. Skoglund and K. Solomon will work on this together.
- Chairman Hanrahan thanked Mrs. Solomon for attending the meeting. Chairman told Mrs. Solomon there will be new projects and ask her to consider filling the vacant alternate position on the EC.
- Chairman Hanrahan said PB Chairman has asked him to attend the Planning Board meetings quarterly to update them. Chairman will be attending a future Planning Board meeting regarding suggestions for Field #11 & the old swim club property. The suggestions the Chairman & the EC have for the swim club property are the following;

-  walking path
-  community garden
-  community pavilion

### **Correspondence/News Update**

- L. Skoglund attended the ANJEC Environmental Commission training seminar.
  - NJ code regarding the EC responsibilities. All members are encouraged to visit Montvale borough code and the borough website and review the EC mission statement and responsibilities.
  - Environmental Resource Inventory was discussed.
  - Map of open space (available on gov.pilot on borough website)
  - Instituting a new wetlands ordinance

### **Old Business**

- Montvale Clean-Up Day is currently posted on the borough and will be included in the Mayor's email update. All residents are encouraged to team up to clean up. EC volunteers are asked to be there at 8:30 a.m. Coffee needs to be picked up at Dunkin Donuts & breakfast treats from Wegmans.
- For the Montvale Clean Up Day next year, the secretary suggested that volunteers should be encouraged to bring reusable water bottles or the EC provide complementary reusable bottles to reduce the use of plastic bottles.
- Chairman reviewed the EC Activity List.
- Councilman Koelling said at the next M&C public meeting there will be the second reading of the Tree Ordinance.
- Chairman and the EC members were invited to attend the M&C May 29 meeting to discuss the north and south parks/traffic islands on Kinderkamack Road. The secretary will send the newspaper public notice that a quorum may exist.
- Chairman and one member will meet with Mr. Koening to review the existing plans of the north & south parks. The landscape plans need to be modified to reflect an accurate drawing.
- At this time M & C has voted against any landscape improvements at this time. M & C wants to observe the traffic islands during the spring/summer months.
- M&C voted in favor of Field #11 remain as open recreational space
- Former swim club property subcommittee under Councilman Weaver will be scheduling a meeting soon.
- Chairman Hanrahan discussed the Emerald Borer Ash. At this time it was determined that the website will not provide any information regarding EBA. The secretary has not received any calls from residents.
- Huff Pond in Huff Park continues to need maintenance. Chairman will contact Mr. Hipolit, borough engineer. This is work in progress.
- Chairman will contact BC Mosquito Control again this year for the pond to be restocked with fish that help with mosquito control.

### **Adjournment:**

- Chairman Hanrahan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by R. Preston seconded by L. Skoglund. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Reminders: **EC Meeting- April 16**

**Montvale Clean- Up Day-April 28 visit website for details**