

Montvale Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, New Jersey
Executive Council Chambers at 7:45 pm
April 16, 2018

Acting Chairwoman Skoglund called the meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:45 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 (A), Chairman R. Hanrahan (A), M. Jensen (P), 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: Mr. De Blasio, Maser Consulting P.A. Landscape Architect (A)

Pledge of Allegiance: L. Skoglund

Meeting Opened/Closed to the Public:

- A motion to open the meeting to the Public was made by R. Johnson & seconded by M. Jensen.
- Mrs. Adams, resident wanted to ask if the commission would help encourage residents to plant native trees, milkweed and butterfly bushes. R. Preston said he will check if those plants could be available for purchase at the Boys Scout Mother's Day Flower Sale. It was suggested that native plants and butterfly bushes be suggested to applicants when the applicant presents their landscape plans.
- Mrs. Adams invited the commission to attend the senior meeting on May 3 to speak on various gardening topics and butterfly gardens. L. Skoglund will try to attend.
- Carly La Roz, resident attended the meeting to learn the history and the responsibilities of the EC.
- A motion to close the meeting to the Public was made by R. Johnson and seconded by M. Jensen.

Minutes

- A motion to approve the minutes of March 19 was made by R. Johnson & seconded by R. Preston. Approved minutes will be posted on the borough website.

New Business

- M&C is asking the EC to recommend a standard to be in place for memoriam benches. This will streamline the process when a request is made to the borough. The Commission reviewed the options and decided the style should match the new existing benches at the Veterans Memorial in the center of town. The secretary will find font style and the lettering coloring will be black.
- Secretary has announced that after twenty plus years, she is stepping down as the EC Secretary. Secretary expressed her appreciation to the Commission & Mayor and Council for the privilege of serving.

Correspondence/News Update

- L. Skoglund, R. Johnson, Chairman Hanrahan and resident, K. Solomon prepared and submitted four applicants for ANJEC Open Space Grants. The recipients of the award will be notified in May.

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. on April 28. L. Skoglund has offered to pick-up refreshments from Dunkin Donuts & Wegmans.

- EC Activity List was tabled.
- Councilman Koelling said at the next M&C public meeting there will be the final reading of the Tree Ordinance.
 - a. M&C requested that the Commission review the Tree Ordinance and send any comments before the final reading.
 - b. L. Skoglund asked for a motion to accept the tree ordinance as written, a motion was made by R. Johnson and seconded by R. Preston. Unanimously approved by roll call vote. The secretary will prepare a memo to M&C reflecting the vote.
- 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.
- Waiting for revised plans from Mr. Koenig is for the existing plans of the north & south parks. The landscape plans need to be modified to reflect an accurate drawing. This project is not included in this year budget. 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 held a meeting. An update will be provided by Chairman Hanrahan at the next meeting.
- Huff Pond in Huff Park continues to need maintenance-Chairman waiting for response from Bergen County.

Adjournment

- Acting Chairwoman Skoglund asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by R. Johnson seconded by M. Jensen. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Reminder: EC Meeting- May 21