

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time:

Monday, September 17th

Meeting Location:

Executive Council Chambers - 2nd Floor, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale

Open Public Meeting Statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Bergen Record and/or The Ridgewood News, informing the public of the time and place according to the provision of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1976)

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Hanrahan

Roll Call:

Members: Carly De La Hoz (A), Daniel Eichhorn (A), Chairman Robert Hanrahan, Mairead Jensen, Richard Johnson, Melinda Kelly, Randall Preston, Lisa Skoglund (A), Planning Board Liaison/Member Annemarie Russo & Council Liaison Koelling.

Approval of Minutes – August minutes Motioned by MJ, Second by RP

Meeting Opened to Public Agenda & Non – Agenda Items, Motioned by AR, Second by MJ

Meeting Closed to Public, Motioned by AR, Second by MJ

Communication/Correspondence:

Emails from residents regarding the declining Beech Tree in front of Schoolhouse #2. Responded noting that the borough has been involved from before construction and investments were made yet the tree unfortunately has declined further.

New Business:

AR asked about fencing around Huff Park play area to protect children. Will forward to M&C for further investigation of issue and possible resolutions.

Old Business:

Environmental Commission Activity List – Chairman

MJ – Environmental Learning center is needs repairs. The path needs cleaning. RP to investigate a product which can be used without negative effect on the environment.

Library Patio – DK to investigate Borough Budget allocation and progress.

Inter-Municipal Trail – NYNJ Trail Conference at final stages of preparing report. Trail name is needed. Plan to use Pascack Trail for the name of the stretch from the Bayberry gate to Grand Ave, and Pascack Loop for the entire loop returning on Memorial Drive sidewalk. Waiting for feedback from Suez regarding interconnect across Grand Ave.

Downtown Green – Improvements in the center of town requires further detailing from Landscape Architect, Bill Koeinig. Chairman to reach out and plan a presentation to the M&C.

Land Acquisition – MK to help drive effort to identify open space for possible preservation.

Huff Pond – DK and AR to reach out to Andy Hippolit for action regarding identification of a check valve and work out efforts by BC DPW via Ray Dressler.

Council Liaison Koelling Report

Planning Board Report - Russo

Adjournment: Motioned by MJ, Second by RJ