

Montvale Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, New Jersey
Council Chambers at 7:45 pm
May 15, 2017

Acting Chairwoman L. 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 (A), R. Preston (P), L. Skoglund (P), & PB Council Liaison D. Teagno (P)

Non-Members: Secretary J. Russo (P) & Councilman Koelling (P)

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

Pledge of Allegiance – L. Skoglund

Approval of the Minutes from the April 17, 2017 Meeting

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by R. Preston and seconded by M. Jensen.
- The minutes were approved & will be posted on the borough website.

Communication/Correspondence

- Final review of the *Value of Trees In the Borough of Montvale* brochure. Secretary will provide colored copies for M&C to review. Once approved 500 copies will be printed & folded off site.

Meeting Opened/Closed to the Public

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

Old Business

- The EC members reviewed Chairman Hanrahan's comments regarding the pending tree ordinances. In an effort of writing two simple and easy to understand ordinances the members favored the last amended ordinances (2 pages) modified by G. DeBlasio.
- A roll call vote was taken and the EC unanimously decided to send this version of the ordinances to M&C.
- The EC believes that although the ordinances may need additional modifications, the M&C and the borough attorney will revise as needed.
- Acting Chairwoman L. Skoglund will update Chairman Hanrahan

Planning Board Liaison Report

- Planning Board Liaison D. Teagno reported that the Amazing Grace Partners, located at 8 East Grand Avenue applied for sign permit, which was approved. There will be a medical office, graphic design shop and accountant's office.
- Ulta Beauty applied for a use permit to operate at the Shoppes at DePiero's. Each store will be applying for individual use permits.

New Business

- L. Skoglund & M.Jensen provide information regarding the recent Bergen County Master Plan, concerning parks and recreation meeting. BC Parks & Recreation Department mission is to interconnect the parks, bicycle paths and hiking trails throughout the county.
- BC Master Plan park survey is currently on Montvale website, the survey will be in effect until June.
- EC will post on the borough website the following: Thank you to Turner Construction & Piatt Landscaping for their help clearing pathway at the Environmental Learning Center. Thank you to all the different organizations, residents and Wegmans employees that volunteered for Montvale Cleanup Day. Also, the EC extends a thank you to Montvale Dunkin Donuts and Wegmans for the refreshments they both provided that day. If possible it will also be included in the e-newsletter.

Adjournment

- L. Skoglund asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by R. Preston and seconded by D. Teagno. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Members will be emailed in the event the meeting is cancelled. The agenda will be posted on the Borough's website. Members are reminded to notify Janet Russo if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Meeting Dates

June 19

July 17

August 21

September 18

October 16

November 20

No meeting in December