

Montvale Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, New Jersey
Council Chambers at 7:45 pm
July 17, 2017

Chairman Hanrahan 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 (P), M. Jensen (A), R. Johnson (A), M. Kelly (P), R. Preston (P), L. Skoglund (A), & PB Council Liaison D. Teagno (P)

Non-Members: Secretary J. Russo (A), Acting Secretary C Petersen (P) & Councilman D. Koelling (A)

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Hanrahan

Approval of the Minutes from the June 19, 2017 Meeting

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

Communication/Correspondence

- Chairman Robert Hanrahan read a thank you letter that was mailed to Dr. Ravit
- The Environmental Activity List will be discussed later

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 D. Teagno and seconded by M. Kelly.

Old Business

- The EC members reviewed Chairman Hanrahan's comments regarding a final draft of the pending tree ordinances. The members agreed to the comments to amend the ordinance as suggested by Chairman Hanrahan and G. DeBlasio (per an earlier telephone conference). D. Teagno made a motion to accept this draft of the tree ordinance, seconded by R. Preston. A roll call vote was taken and the EC unanimously decided to send this final draft version of the ordinance to M&C.
- Members expressed a safety concern regarding the Wegmans Interconnect Walk that exits into the municipal parking lot. Chairman Hanrahan noted that he will discuss the location of the walk with the mayor. He wants it to exit into the environmental center.
- Chairman Hanrahan asked members for suggestions for the Pee Wee Field and the former Montvale Swim Club site:
 - a. R. Preston discussed art work ideas and a gazebo for the Pee Wee Field. He requested that the borough get special permission from the NJ Transit to use the parking lot on the weekends. He requested a field trip to go see the former pool site. Chairman Hanrahan said he will organize a field trip to the former pool site.
 - b. M. Kelly discussed art work and a meeting area for residents to meet and hang out for the Pee Wee Field. She stated that she not in favor of a dog park for the former pool site. She suggested it be used as a field since there are many complaints about not enough fields in town. She commented that Mike Weaver was appointed to a committee to work on ideas for the field.
 - c. D. Teagno discussed the possibly a small park with benches and a pergola with some metal artwork at the Pee Wee Field. He noted that he likes the idea of a field trip to the former swim club site for ideas since he does not want it to be another Huff Park with jungle gyms, etc.

- Chairman Hanrahan discussed using more marketing and social media and suggested creating a Montvale guide with information for residents. M. Kelly stated that a flyer should be made to inform residents about news such as minnows being put into the stream at Huff Park. Acting Secretary stated that the library gets copies of Certificates of Occupancy for new residents and perhaps the flyers could be included in the library “welcome kits”.

New Business

- D. Teagno brought up the topic of deer problems. He stated that Little Falls is trying to think of ways to sterilize the deer. He thinks this is a problem and we should do something about it. Chairman Hanrahan stated he is putting it on the list to talk about.
- Chairman Hanrahan discussed two (2) projects:
 - a. A young man working on two (2) “Welcome to Montvale” signs and another young man is going to expand the pavers around the benches at the Memorial Park in the center of town.

Adjournment

- Chairman Hanrahan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by R. Preston and seconded by M. Kelly. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 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
August 21
September 18
October 16
November 20
No meeting in December