

Montvale Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, New Jersey
Executive Council at 7:45 pm
September 18, 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 (P), Chairman R. Hanrahan (P), M. Jensen (P), R. Johnson (P), M. Kelly (A), R. Preston (P), L. Skoglund (P)

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

Approval of the Minutes from the August 21, 2017 Meeting

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by L. Skoglund and D. Eichhorn.
- The minutes were approved & will be posted on the borough website.

Communication/Correspondence

- ANJEC invitation to *Lead with Local Action* on October 13 will be attended by L. Skoglund & J. Russo. Cost of the conference (\$130) will be deducted from the EC's budget.

Meeting Opened/Closed to the Public

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

Old Business

- Chairman Hanrahan discussed that he included a visual of the buffer zone for the tree ordinances. It will be discussed at the Sept. Mayor & Council meeting. Members are encouraged to attend. A notice was publicly advertised and posted in the lobby of borough hall that the EC will be in attendance at the M&C meeting.
- Wegmans Interconnect Walk that exits into the municipal parking lot was discussed by Chairman Hanrahan. Borough Engineer said to ensure it is a safe walkway, the existing curb would need to be relocated and side walk installed. There is no confirmation that this project will be considered or approved by Mayor & Council. This will remain tabled until further notice.
- Chairman Hanrahan asked members for suggestions for the parcel of land located next to the United Way Project or formerly known as schoolhouse #2 and the former Montvale Swim Club site. See the attached suggestions and draft of drawings prepared by the EC. Mayor has assembled a special committee headed by Councilman Weaver. Chairman Hanrahan is on this committee. Special Committee meeting date has not been set. Chairman Hanrahan will inform the members of the results of the meeting.

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 the Eagle Scout project to install pavers in the Memorial Park in the center of town.
- Chairman Hanrahan will invite Mr. Koenig, the landscape architect that was awarded the contract to design the plans to next month's EC meeting. It must be confirmed that there will be no fee associated with his attendance at the meeting.

See attached documentation regarding suggestions for Schoolhouse #2 field and the parcel of land where the swim club was located.

Adjournment

- Chairman Hanrahan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by D. Eichhorn and seconded by L. Skoglund. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 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
October 16
November 20*