

Montvale Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, New Jersey
Council Chambers at 7:45 pm
November 20, 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 (A), & PB Council Liaison D. Teagno (P)

Non-Members: Secretary J. Russo (A), Acting Secretary C Petersen (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 October 16, 2017 Meeting

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

Meeting Opened/Closed to the Public

- A motion to open the meeting to the Public was made by D. Teagno & 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 D. Teagno and seconded by D. Eichhorn.

Communication/Correspondence

- Chairman Hanrahan stated that he will review the Environmental Commission Activity List with the highest priority being the Pool Club Property

Old Business

- Chairman Hanrahan reviewed the draft of tree ordinance (pre-public view) and some discussion ensued as to the components of the proposed ordinance. D. Teagno expressed concern over the time delay for approval of the tree removal permits and discussion ensued possibly using electronic means of approval between meetings. Suggestions were made to discuss a fee for the tree removal permit with the Mayor and Council. It was suggested that a nominal fee be collected for the tree permit to cover the cost of the processing, possibly \$25.00. Chairman Hanrahan stated that there should be some sort of process for an applicant to file an appeal from the board decision.
- D. Teagno discussed making a time limit for the completion of work for the compliance with the landscaping plan. Chairman Hanrahan made a motion for a time limit of 12 months to be set for the completion of work, seconded by D. Teagno. All voted in favor.
- Discussion ensued as to setting a limit of disturbance in the ordinance. All voted in favor to change the wording of paragraph 119A-8 to include an area of disturbance up to 20 ft.
- Discussion ensued as to the quote of \$24,000 from Bartlett for the center of town. Chairman Hanrahan stated that he liked this proposal the best.
- Chairman Hanrahan discussed the Master Plan presentation given by Councilman Weaver concerning Environmental Commission projects, mostly the pool property.
- Chairman Hanrahan spoke about new community centers and including all future maintenance expenses for all new proposals for the pool property.
- Chairman Hanrahan discussed the Montvale Walking path and the possibility of exercise and/or nature stations and a connection to the Inter-Municipal walking path.

- Chairman Hanrahan discussed the creation of Montvale Community Sustainable Gardens and the possible dimensions of the boxes for the plantings.
- Chairman Hanrahan discussed the proposal of creating a recreational Pavillion area with a restroom

New Business

- A motion to approve the 2018 meeting dates for the Montvale Environmental Commission was made by D. Teagno and seconded by R. Preston.
The resolution was approved & will be posted on the borough website.

Adjournment

- Chairman Hanrahan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by D. Teagno and seconded by R. Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Members will be emailed in the event a 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
No meeting in December