

Montvale Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
12 Mercedes Dr., Montvale, New Jersey
Executive Council Chambers at 7:51 pm
May 21, 2018

Chairman Hanrahan called the meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:51 pm. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Record and/or 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 (A), M. Kelly (P), R. Preston (P), L. Skoglund (P), & PB Liaison A. Russo (A)

Non-members: Councilman D. Koelling (optional phone conference)

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Hanrahan

Meeting Opened/Closed to the Public:

A motion to open the meeting to the Public was made by L. Skoglund & seconded by D. Eichhorn. Carly De La Hoz was present to express interest in the agenda of the Environmental Commission. A motion to close the meeting to the Public was made by L. Skoglund and seconded by D. Eichhorn.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of April 16 was made by R. Preston and seconded by M. Jensen. Approved minutes will be posted on the borough website.

New Business

Street Fair 6/10. M Kelly confirmed through Steve Fox that the borough has a table and the EC may use the table along with.

Action taken to have the tree pamphlets, flyer containing information concerning tree ordinance, interconnect trail, Environmental Learning Center and website address.

Discussion concerning poster for street fair and other events entitled, "Ask us what the EC is doing for you"

R. Hanrahan will be present from 10-12, M. Jensen will be present from 12-2, D. Eichhorn will be present from 3 -5, C. DeLaHoz will be present most of the day.

Day in the Park 6/16 will not be manned by the EC due to the fact that we did not receive the Grant from ANJEC to fix the check valve.

Correspondence/News Update

Activity List: Homework – pick a line item to take responsibility to move forward.

Environmental Learning Center walkways cleaned on April 28 by Boy Scouts and Leaders – well done. Walkway needs power washing. Thank You to the Montvale Boy Scouts and Leaders!

Interconnect between Wegman & Learning Center just needs signage for directions

“House” for trail notes to be suggested as Scout project for Learning Center

Tree ordinance: Congratulations!!! After 19 years of re-writes. An ordinance is accepted which will have minimal impact on the general public yet help reduce the disregard of trespass during construction events.

Homework for EC...read and become very familiar with the ordinance.

Gus DeBlasio from Maser will be present when any reviews are necessary.

Inter-municipal trail – met with NJ Trail Conference. They felt it would be low cost to create trail. Any wetland area can be outfitted with a “floating wood bridge”. During walk through on 4/4/18 discussed trail behind new Fire House with Fire Chief who felt it would be a good thing for the community. Very natural trail already exists. \$2500 is needed for NYNJTC to create plans. Additional \$10K-15K needed for screening, material, etc. M. Kelly will take on that responsibility to encourage local business to donate.

M & C meeting to discuss center of town plans. EC has update plans with future planting suggestions. Chairman Hanrahan, M. Jensen to attend 5/29 meeting at 7:30- PM

Huff Pond now has a working aerator. Noted floating item was also removed by DPW.

Wetland ordinance will be reintroduced to the M&C to help raise awareness and protect Wetlands. Chairman Hanrahan will take action.

Old Business

Montvale Clean Up Day: Of the 14 towns and Groups who participated Montvale had more attend than all others....attendance reached 143 +

Over 2 tons of trash collected. Notes for next year...need more t-shirts.

Huge Thank-You to Wegman's and to Dunkin Donuts Montvale for donations. Also thanks to Montvale Senior Club for helping.

Montvale Swim Club Property: April 9 Subcommittee Meeting attended by R Hanrahan, Dan Eichhorn, M. Jensen, M. Kelly from EC—EC suggestions focused on trail concept. Most attending agreed that the trail was a good idea. Sub-Committee Chairman Weaver suggested consideration of investment in a new Community Center; possibly remove existing Community Center to accommodate a much larger structure. Chairman Weaver to ask the M&C for guidance on next steps.

Adjournment

Chairman Hanrahan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by D. Eichhorn and seconded by M. Jensen. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Reminder: EC Meeting – June 18