

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

### **Meeting Date/Time:**

Monday, October 15th

### **Meeting Location:**

Executive Council Chambers - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale

### **Open Public Meeting Statement:**

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Bergen Record and/or The Ridgewood News, informing the public of the time and place according to the provision of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1976)

### **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Hanrahan

### **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Carly Del La Hoz, Daniel Eichhorn, Chairman Robert Hanrahan, Richard Johnson and Randy Preston

**Absent:** Mairead Jensen Melinda Kelly, Lisa Skoglund, Annmarie Russo and Council Liaison Koelling

**Approval of Minutes** – September minutes- A motion to approve was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Preston.

**Meeting Opened to Public Agenda & Non – Agenda Items** – A motion to open was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Preston. Dawn Hopper came with two Girl Scouts from Troop 9503 who presented their potential project for Montvale. They gave a presentation on the Eastern Bluebird Nestboxes. The Birdhouses would keep them alive and safe. It was suggested to contact the schools about placing them along the perimeter; also to have them place along the old Swim Club property and perimeter of the environmental center.

**Meeting Closed to Public-** by a motion by Mr. Eichhorn and seconded by Richard Johnson.

### **Communication/Correspondence:**

#### **New Business:**

- Ash Borers – Chairman- Chairman Hanrahan spoke about the Ash Borers. More investigation is needed.

#### **Old Business:**

- NJ plastic bag investigation – Carly De La Hoz
- Memorial Walking Trail brief Update and NYNJTC Introduction – Chairman
- Pascack Nature Trail PRESENTATION by the NJNJ Trail Conference – Mr. Peter Dolan- Mr. Dolan gave a power point presentation along with Mr. Hanrahan in regard to the Montvale/Pascack Brook Trail Plan. Benefits of the trail were discussed. He stated to hold off on benches and waste collection. Signage, paving and budgeting was discussed in regard to the project. It was recommended to look for funding from Grants for the project, possible Suez Corporation. The document will be presented to the Mayor and Council in two weeks. It was suggested to have a Volunteer Day to help clean up the trail.
- Environmental Commission Activity List – Chairman

Mayor spoke in regard to the 800 plus surveys that were returned. Some topics for discussion were schoolers, solar panels for Borough Hall, rechargeable spaces for cars on all new developments. Ms. Hopper stated that not all sites are a good candidate for solar panels as the roof needs to have substantial support to carry the panels.

**Council Liaison Koelling Report-absent**

**Planning Board Report – Annmarie Russo absent.**

**Adjournment-** A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Eichorn and seconded by Richard Johnson all in favor stating aye.